

# Greetings To The California State Federation of Labor Convention

THE CONVENTION of the State Federation of Labor, opening Monday in Sacramento, bears a grave responsibility to organized labor in California. The organized labor movement in California cannot stand still. It must go either backward or forward. The delegates assembled in labor's convention, have the opportunity to turn it into an historic session,—one which will mark the beginning of a new epoch in California's labor history. The Communist Party sends fraternal greetings to the delegates, confident that they will acquit themselves ably of their responsibilities and set labor on the road to making California a 100 per cent union state.

**Anti-Picketing Laws  
Are A Constant Threat  
To Labor; Smash Them!**

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# UNIONS AID DEFENSE AS KING FRAMEUP RUSHED

## French Trade Unions Raise "Arms For Spain" Slogan

### Spain Aid Is Asked

#### 2 Fascist Regiments Destroyed Near Zaragoza

PARIS—Reaffirming its support of Leon Blum's government, the General Confederation of Labor, demanded last Wednesday that the French Cabinet reconsider its neutrality toward the Spanish civil war, and that the Spanish government be allowed to purchase arms in France "in accord with the British government and other democratic countries."

A half-hour strike of 200,000 Paris metal workers last Sunday demanded aid for Spain.

In a new strike wave, 50,000 workers occupied factories and mills, 30,000 at Lille and 20,000 at Marseille. The entire port of Le Havre has been struck.

The General Confederation of Labor has 5,000,000 members.

**Fascist Troops Destroyed**  
MADRID—Two entire regiments of Fascist regulars were surrounded and destroyed by the government forces last Thursday morning, after the latter had crossed the River Ebro by night. Taking advantage of the stormy, moonless night, the government troops and workers' militia crossed the river in rowboats and flat-bottomed boats.

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### Almost Over The Top For Spain

Nearing the \$500 quota set for itself, the Communist Party of California has collected \$422.05 for Labor's Red Cross for Spain, to aid the heroic workers and peasants fighting against Fascism.

With \$210.80 previously acknowledged, recent donations include:

C.O.C., \$2; J. Koch, \$5; Cohen Family, \$7.50; Anita, \$5; A. M., \$5; J. F., \$5; Los Angeles County, \$61; Mrs. Thayer, \$5; R. S., \$5; Unit 100, \$10; San Francisco County, \$56.25; Nevada Section, \$22; Wm. McG., \$8; Larson, \$10; A., \$2; Nevada Section, 50 cents; Agricultural Unit, \$1; R., \$1.

The San Francisco County funds were raised at an open-air mass meeting held Sunday, September 6th, at Jefferson Park, where speakers were William Schneiderman, state secretary of the Communist Party, and others. Approximately 400 people were present.

### PLAN TWO-FOLD CAMPAIGN FOR REPEAL OF C.S. ACT; 115,000 SIGNATURES ARE FILED

Reporting that approximately 115,000 signatures have been filed for repeal of the anti-labor Criminal Syndicalism Act in 22 California counties, including the largest population centers, the State Conference for Repeal of the C.S. Act last week outlined plans to continue the fight to



MEMBERS of the Workers Militia in Barcelona, as they guard street barricades day and night, ready for any attacks of the Spanish fascists.

### FIGHT SLASH IN COTTON WAGES

#### Small Farmers Of Kern Aid Labor

FRESNO—California cotton pickers will be paid \$1 per hundredweight, according to an announcement of the Agricultural Labor Bureau.

This is 10 cents above the 1935 price, it is reported. 200 growers, representing 98 per cent of cotton acreage in the state, agreed to the scale, the Bureau reports. Fear of a strike forced the concession.

### Seattle AFL Council Pledges Aid To People of Spain

SEATTLE—Despite the objections of Secretary Doyle, the Seattle Central Labor Council unanimously concurred in a request for aid to the Spanish People.

The response was made to the request of David Dubinsky, International Ladies' Garment Workers Union president, for financial aid to swell the \$100,000 fund for the Spanish People's Front in its fight against Fascism.

### 2 MORE UNIONS JOIN LETTUCE STRIKE, SALINAS

#### Union Labor Refuses To Build Fence; 4000 Are Out

SALINAS—Teamsters and Boxmakers, who have joined the strike of close to 4000 lettuce workers, have set up a Joint Council with the Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union, to map out strike strategy.

Picketing continues strong, in the Unions' determination to gain their demands, especially the major demands of preferential hiring and equal pay to women for equal work.

The Teamsters here are part of the San Jose Teamsters local, and the Boxmakers hold a sub-local charter in the Carpenters Union.

#### Union Men Refuse to Build Fence

Organized labor solidarity was displayed in a militant manner, when union building workers, sent from San Jose, refused to erect a high fence around certain sheds, which the growers and shippers intend to use to protect scabs whom they plan to bring in.

The two-sided selected by the Vegetable Growers and Shippers Assn. through which they will try to run the crop are those of J. G. Martinovich and the Travers and Sakata Co.

The business agent of the Laborers Union in Salinas rounded up union members for the job, but after talking with pickets the laborers refused to work. The business agent has become

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### Strikers To Hear "Mother" Bloor

OAKLAND—Strikers from the California Cotton Mill, Caterpillar Tractor Company, and Mercor Nordstrom Company, as well as all other local trade unionists, have been especially invited to hear "Mother" Ella Reeve Bloor, famed 74-year-old labor leader, speak here Saturday, September 12th, 8 p. m., at Danish Hall, 164 11th Street, on the 1936 Communist election campaign.

Invitations have also been especially extended to members of the Mine Workers Union, L. A. Young Plant Workers, American Can Company workers, and other factory workers along the Oakland waterfront.

#### Closing Speech

SACRAMENTO—Concluding her California tour, "Mother" Bloor will speak here Sunday, September 13th, 2 p. m., at Odd Fellows Hall, 9th and K Streets, on "Jobs, Security and Peace." Perry Hill, Communist candidate for Congress in the 3rd District, will also speak on the 1936 election issues in his district.

### FARMER-LABOR



SUCCESSOR to the late Floyd B. Olson as Governor of Minnesota is Hjalmar Peterson, who was lieutenant-governor under Olson Peterson, Farmer-Laborite, favors, like Olson did, the building of a national Farmer-Labor Party.

### UNIONS DONATE TO DEFENSE OF EARL KING

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Marine Firemen's Defense Committee has called on all organized labor bodies to contribute to the defense against the frame-up of Earl King, secretary of the Marine Firemen's Union.

Already the United Laborers Union, Local 261, has donated \$200; the Marine Cooks and Stewards Union, \$500. The Marine Firemen's Union has levied a coast-wide voluntary assessment of \$5 on its members.

### Choose Electors For Browder

SACRAMENTO—Twenty-two presidential electors for Earl Browder and James W. Ford, Communist candidates, will be named here next Wednesday, September 17th, at the statewide convention of the Communist Party.

As will all other political parties in California, the Communist Party will assemble its convention in the State Capitol Building at 10 a. m.

All Communist candidates, plus one delegate from each Congressional District and state of office, and leading Party members from all over the state, will attend the convention.

Plans to carry on the election campaign between now and November 2nd will also be worked out.

### WPA Recognizes The Workers Alliance As Bargain Agency

WASHINGTON—Recognition of the Workers Alliance of America as the official bargaining agency of WPA workers has been granted by Aubrey Williams, deputy WPA administrator.

All other demands of the Workers Alliance were rejected by Williams. They included a \$40 monthly minimum wage, and a 20 per cent wage increase; payment of union wage scale, and rescinding of orders docking workers for time lost in bad weather.

### SCHNEIDERMAN IN STATE-WIDE RADIO HOOK-UP

#### Communist Analyzes Political Issues Of California

"Political Issues in California" will be the vital subject for the first state-wide broadcast of the Communist election campaign, with William Schneiderman, state secretary of the Communist Party, as the speaker.

The broadcast is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15th, 6:45-7 p. m., over the Red Network of the National Broadcasting Company—KFI, Los Angeles, and KPÖ, San Francisco.

The State Campaign Committee paid \$300 for the 15-minute broadcast last Thursday, being forced to borrow the money from other funds, and sent out an appeal for donations for broadcast use to be sent to 121 Haight Street, San Francisco.

#### Next National Broadcast

Next nation-wide broadcast of the Communist election campaign will feature James W. Ford, candidate for Vice-President of the United States, on the subject: "Negro People and the Elections." The date of the program is Monday, September 21st, 6:45-7 p. m., over the Red Network of the NBC, the same stations as above in California.

Five other coast-to-coast hook-ups are planned before the elections November 3rd.

Mrs. Bessie A. Keckler, Communist candidate for State Assembly in the 80th District, will speak for her campaign on Monday, September 14th, at 8:30 p. m., over Station KGB, San Diego. Another KGB broadcast is scheduled for two weeks later.

Communist Party unit raising the most money for the People's Chest Against Reaction, in San Diego, will be awarded "Soviet Communism" in two volumes, by Sidney and Beatrice Webb.

### Mobilize This Week-End!

California will join the nationwide mobilization for the People's Chest Against Reaction this Saturday and Sunday, September 12th and 13th, to raise funds for the 1936 election campaign of the Communist Party.

Main mobilization points in Los Angeles this week-end will be 230 South Spring St., 5042 South Hooper St., and 2411 Brooklyn Avenue.

San Francisco mobilization points for Sunday morning at 10 o'clock will be 364 3rd St., 542 Valencia St., 629 Haight St., and 1609 O'Farrell St. On Saturday squads will contact organizations and affairs for donations.

Mobilization in Oakland will be at 419 12th St.

### Anti-Labor Paper Lies Again

LOS ANGELES—"Impartial reporting" of the L. A. Times is seen in their account of the recent picnic here for "Mother" Bloor.

According to Chandler's anti-labor rag, the picnic "attracted a crowd of about 40 persons." Actually, 2500 attended this mass rally for the Communist election campaign.

### A HEROINE



THIS YOUNG SPANISH girl is a member of the Workers' Militia, bearing the main brunt of the fight against the fascists who, backed by Hitler and Mussolini, seek to destroy democracy in Spain.

### 300,000 IN LABOR PARTY

#### Expect N.Y. Party To Spread In U.S.

NEW YORK—Paid-up membership in the American Labor Party, formed by the Labor-Non-Partisan League in this state, is reported to be 300,000.

Mrs. Elinore Herrick, state campaign director, states that thousands of applications are pouring into Labor Party headquarters.

The American Labor Party movement is considered certain to spread to every state in the country. Its main base is in the most important of the trade unions. Such union leaders as John L. Lewis, David Dubinsky, Sidney Hillman, etc., have endorsed it.

### Ask Pardon For McNamara

NEW YORK—A petition for a pardon for James B. McNamara and Matthew A. Schmidt, the world's oldest labor prisoners, has been signed by 48 prominent trade union leaders, officials, and U. S. Senators and Congressmen.

McNamara has served 25 years and Schmidt 21 years behind the bars in California, on charges in connection with the Los Angeles Times explosion. Signers to the petition include Francis J. Gorman, Sidney Hillman, Julius Hochman, Senator Nye, Congressman Marcanonio, and Sinclair Lewis.

### PEDRO FISHERMEN'S UNION HITS FASCIST INTERVENTION AGAINST SPANISH PEOPLE

SAN PEDRO.—Fascist Italian and Nazi intervention against the Spanish people was hit hard in a resolution adopted by the Deep Sea and Purse Seine Fishermen's Union here.

Copies of the resolution were forwarded to the Italian and Nazi consulates in Los Angeles and their embassies in Washington.

### STANISLAUS CO. LABOR HITS AT CIO SUSPENSION

#### Central Council Is Sharp; Green Hints At Further Split

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — 200,000 steel workers, miners and members of all unions took part in the greatest labor demonstration in the history of American Labor, held here on Labor Day. The size of the demonstration was a direct result of the C.I.O. steel drive.

WASHINGTON—Latest threat against the C.I.O. unions by William Green was that he may order the 750 central labor bodies and the more than 50 state federations not to send any members of the suspended unions as delegates to the A.F.L. convention at Tampa in November.

MODESTO—The Stanislaus County Central Labor Council has come out flatly against suspension of the 10 C.I.O. unions.

The resolution adopted was presented by C. C. Nunnally, delegate from Typographical Union Local 689. Nunnally has been elected secretary-treasurer of the Council.

The resolution follows: Whereas, The American Federation of Labor executive council has given notice of suspension (Cont. on Page 2, Col. 8)

### Unions Grow In 5 & 10 Fight

SAN FRANCISCO—Membership in the Warehousemen's Union, I.L.A. Local 38-44, has jumped by over 200 in a little over two weeks of picketing the Woolworth warehouse and stores.

The arrest of 79 pickets last Friday and Saturday has not halted the militant drive by three groups—the Warehousemen, the Culinary Crafts, and the Retail Clerks, to organize the Woolworth Company.

The Ladies Auxiliary of Painters Local 1158 is helping the unions in the strike.

The cases of the arrested pickets were continued until this Friday. A mass jury trial may be demanded, to test the anti-picketing ordinance under which most of the arrests were made.

The Executive Committee of the San Francisco Labor Council, which met Tuesday night to consider a union request that Woolworth's be placed on the unfair list, was to make its recommendation at the Council meeting on Friday night.

The Woolworth strike was one of the questions taken up at a coastwise conference of Warehousemen in San Francisco this week.

### Radio Talk To Aid

#### Defense Meeting Plans Rallying Of Labor

SAN FRANCISCO—A representative of the maritime unions will speak for 15 minutes over radio station KGGC next Wednesday, from 7 to 7:15 p. m., on the maritime situation and the frameup attempt against Earl King and others. The speaker will probably be Henry Schmidt, of I.L.A. Local 38-79.

The frameup machine built by District Attorney Earl Warren of Alameda County for the shipowners moved smoothly Thursday, Sept. 10, and Earl King, E. H. Ramsey and Frank J. Conner were arraigned for murder less than two weeks after their arrest.

In most murder cases the defense is allowed at least a month to gather facts, but it is obvious that Warren doesn't want any facts discovered before his trial. Although the attorneys asked for two weeks before the arrested men plead, Superior Judge Edward J. Tyrrell took Warren's hint and set the time for pleading next Monday, Sept. 14.

SAN FRANCISCO—With 55 delegates from unions at its first meeting, the King-Ramsey-Conner United Defense Committee (Cont. on Page 2, Col. 7)

### 'Hoover' Sails; S.U.P. Recognized

SAN FRANCISCO—Once again a shipowner attempt to bring about a break in the united front of maritime unions has been forestalled. The Dollar Liner President Hoover sailed Thursday with a full deck crew of members of the Sailors Union of the Pacific.

Whether or not Charles Brenner, ship's delegate whom the company refused to rehire, has been discriminated against will be left for Federal Conciliator Edward Fitzgerald to determine. The shipowners will deal with the Sailors Union of the Pacific and will accept that union as bargaining agency in negotiations for a new agreement on September 30th.

The settlement of the six-day dispute came upon the heels of a meeting of the Maritime Federation District Council, here Wednesday afternoon, at which the basis for the agreement was laid. The Sailors Union Thursday (Cont. on Page 2, Col. 4)

these Fascist governments become a potential war danger. Therefore, we demand that all aid to the Fascists of Spain cease, and We further demand: That all belligerent ships be removed from Spanish waters, and that we pledge our solidarity and support to the Spanish People's Front.



# ECHOES OF CALIFORNIA'S GREATEST LABOR DAY--A DISPLAY OF UNIONS' GREAT GROWTH AND ASPIRATIONS

## DAVIS, MOONEY COUNSEL, TELLS SF LABOR DAY AUDIENCE OF MENACE OF FASCISM

### Agricultural Union Inspired By Bridges Talk

STOCKTON.—The Labor Day parade here, in which organized labor from many cities joined, so expressed the growth in membership and militancy of the unions that it is interesting to see it through the eyes of a leader of a new union.

### Agricultural Leader Inspired

The leader who was moved to comment with enthusiasm is Warren Brown, secretary-treasurer of Agricultural Workers Local 20,221, which recently received its charter.

"This was the first time in the history of California that a union, with a charter of the kind we have, marched in a Labor Day parade," said Brown.

"I am sure glad to have the honor of being one of those to have started this movement. I have fought for 35 years to get such a movement in this state and many other states."

### Backed By I.L.A.

"I am especially happy to know that we have the backing of the Int'l. Longshoremen's Assn. here in Stockton."

"I want to thank the speaker of the day, on Labor Day here, Harry Bridges, who put up the best talk that the rank and file here has heard for years."

"It filled me with joy to know that we have such men in the ranks of organized labor. I know that he responded to what was being thought by young and old who are tired of being exploited by the big bosses, the Liberty League elements and the Chamber of Commerce."

"It's a shame to see men, women and children live in such places as they have to in the ranches of this state."

"I for one, especially inspired by Labor Day, will put in the rest of my life to organize the unorganized in the state of California."

"I am all the more determined to build this union into one of the largest in California."

## Spain Aid Demand By French Labor

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behind an advance guard which swam the stream, southeast of Zaragoza. The Castillejo infantry regiment and the 9th Cavalry were destroyed.

Militiamen in Toledo have penetrated the subterranean passages honeycombing the Alcazar, where a Fascist garrison has been besieged for eight weeks.

In the northeast, the town of Resca was captured by government forces.

The new People's Front government announced confiscation of large rural estates belonging to the Fascists.

### Nazi Ring Exposed

MANCHESTER, England.—Continuing its expose of the Brown Network in Spanish Morocco and in Spain, the Manchester Guardian revealed further Nazi centers of activity.

"Nazi centers and branches have been instituted in Ceuta, Tetuan, Larache and in other cities," it charges, on the basis of more documents of the same series it began exposing two weeks ago.

"Exactly as in Spain, the Nazis have organized 'port services' (Havendienst) for smuggling and espionage of a political, military and economic nature. All reports and the entire correspondence of the Nazi agents were until now addressed to the office of Herr von Ribbentrop in Berlin. It is an office of the 'Hess service' (Hess ministry), which is the central organization of the Nazi Party."

### Nazis Threaten

NURNBERG, Germany.—Intervention on the side of the Fascists in Spain was directly voiced by the bloodthirsty Jew-baiter, Julius Streicher, at the convention of the Nazi Party here.

Streicher said Germany is "determined not to tolerate the organized and systematic destruction of civilization," in beating the Fascist drums for armed intervention against the Spanish government.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Reactionary labor officials, and reactionary politicians like Mayor Rossi, sitting on the platform of Civic Auditorium, weren't pleased by the talk of the main speaker at the Labor Day mass meeting.

Workers Approve Warmly But the speech of George T. Davis, Mooney defense attorney, met with the warm approval of the members of organized labor in the audience.

Davis was especially sharp in his attack on red-baiting. He was strong in his endorsement of industrial unionism, particularly for the mass production industries. He stressed the vital necessity for organization of the unorganized.

"There is no reason why labor today should be content with an organization of 4,000,000, when the workers available for organization number 10,000,000, 20,000,000, yes even 40,000,000."

Here is Davis' speech in part: "The question today is whether the American Federation of Labor is broad enough to bring every laboring man and woman in America into one united organization."

Industrial Unionism "Big business is organized along industrial lines. In this respect, the development of big business has been consistent with the progress of our twentieth century machine age."

Individual skill today is constantly at a disadvantage against the technical changes which displace that skill. As a result there are about 4,000,000 organized workers today, as compared with ten times that number who are unorganized.

"Organized labor is still fighting for existence. Make no mistake of that; and since only the fittest survive, we must abandon the ox cart and get aboard the race with industry standing up."

Progressive Action "As to the necessities of the situation, it seems to me that the story of organized labor in the city of San Francisco and in the State of California demonstrates the fact that craft as well as mass production workers can be organized along industrial lines within the present framework of the American Federation of Labor, without weakening the great craft organizations."

"If the American Federation of Labor adopts the California plan of united action by all workers, it will maintain its position as the leader of progressive thought in the American labor movement."

"American labor has a challenge to stand as the bulwark of American democracy. It is the great leveling force for a free association of working people on the basis of equal opportunity."

"There is knocking at the door of America a combination of forces which seek to destroy our democracy and establish a dictatorship."

Menace of Fascism "The peril of Fascism in America today is a real one, and if such a condition were to blacken the shirts of America's peace-time army, organized labor would be the first to suffer."

"Let labor beware today of insidious propaganda crying: 'Radical, red and communist!' These are the same fearful mouthings that preceded the events in Italy, Germany and Austria, and are intended not as statements of fact, but as attempts to undermine reason by resort to fear."

"If labor allows these forces to lull it into a moment of weakness, it will find itself gripped by steel and crushed by its oppressors."

A Reactionary Objects When Davis spoke of the fight to free Tom Mooney, one reactionary union official in particular squirmed, and after whispering to Mayor Rossi and Vandeleur on the platform, shouted, "I tell you to make him cut out that Mooney stuff."

Spectators shouted, "Go ahead." They wanted to hear talk like Davis', and not the old meaningless kind of speeches the union members had been fed on Labor Day in the past.

Edward Vandeleur, secretary of the State Federation of Labor, showed in his speech that he was feeling the growth of militancy in the ranks of organized labor. He wasn't so fierce in red-baiting, and in fact urged

## Suspended C.I.O. Unions Headed Parade In L.A.

LOS ANGELES.—Over 30,000 workers marched on Labor Day in the mightiest demonstration of labor Los Angeles has ever witnessed, while thousands more lined the streets cheering and applauding the paraders.

The parade was the greatest turnout of labor in the history of Los Angeles and is of especial significance at this time as the bosses are reorganizing and strengthening their forces preparatory to an attack upon the rights of organized labor.

Although banners with immediate demands of the workers were banned by the Central Labor Council, workers marched on Broadway singing working class songs and shouting such slogans as "Make Los Angeles a 100 Per Cent Union Town" and "Free Tom Mooney."

Hearst Boomed As the marchers passed Hearst's Examiner and Chandler's "Scabby" Times, thunderous boos were given to express their intense hatred of the workers public enemies number one and two.

At the head of the parade rode Mayor "Free Speech" Shaw, at the invitation of the Central Labor Council, followed by the other "friends of labor" like Burton Fitts, Chief "Hitler" Davis and Sheriff Biscailuz.

First union in the line of march was the suspended C.I.O. unions, the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, followed by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America.

The Furniture Workers led by John Murray gave a militant tone to the parade with their banner, "The Fighting Furniture Workers." Another banner carried by the Furniture Workers announced that they had signed 27 union agreements with the bosses. Many cheers greeted this banner.

6000 in Pedro Group The San Pedro delegation, 6000 strong, six times as large as last year, brought up the end of the parade. The International Longshoremen's Association marchers boomed lustily as they passed the Hearst and Times buildings. Many paraders were observed holding their noses as they marched by.

Nearly 150 unions participated in the parade, including many bands. James Cagney, noted film star, rode with the contingent of the Screen Actors Guild.

The International Labor Defense sold flowers along the line of more to raise funds for labor's prisoners.

## ILA 38-79 To Have Elections Soon

SAN FRANCISCO.—Henry Schmidt and Henry Schrimpf are up for nomination to the office of president of the San Francisco longshoremen, I.L.A. Local 38-79, in the primaries now being conducted.

Primary balloting will end September 12th and final elections will be held September 17th, 18th and 19th.

Up for nomination to the vice-president's office are John D. Shaw, Albin Kullberg and J. F. Kennedy. Running for recording secretary are John D. Shoemaker, Al McCurdy and Lawrence Mallen.

Fourteen are seeking nomination for business agent. Two are to be elected. Thirty-five men will be chosen for the executive committee.

Harry Bridges, Henry Schmidt and Henry Schrimpf are on the ballot for election as delegates to Maritime Federation District Council No. 2. Three are to be chosen.

Other offices to be filled include delegates to the S. F. Central Labor Council; members of the Labor Relations Committee; Board of Trustees and Dispatchers.

## FASCIST BIGWIG COMING

While Hearst visits Mussolini, Hollywood is about to welcome Signor Carlo Roncoroni, who is supposed to be the Will Hays of Italy. Among the welcoming committee will be none other than A.P. Giannini, who owns a big slice of Hollywood's film industry and is head of the Bank of America.

that future red-baiting be not so fanatical (a little more subtle, he meant).

He knows that organized labor wants unity in its ranks, and not division of its forces. Comment on Vandeleur's speech will be found in "As We See It," on page four of this issue.

## SEEK HONOR FOR A HERO OF MASSES



HERE'S A GROUP in New York, among whom are members of the Young Pioneers, who are circulating petitions asking the Post Office Department to issue a stamp to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the poor farmers' rebellion led by Daniel Shays against excessive taxation.

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day morning voted in favor of the settlement.

Shipowners on Wednesday had sent a squadron of police to Pier 42 where the Hoover had been tied up since last Friday. They announced they were preparing to hire a crew of East Coast sailors, members of the International Seamen's Union.

Further developments in the maritime situation this week include:

1. The Pacific Coast District Executive Board at a meeting in Seattle called upon Joseph P. Ryan, International president of the I.L.A., to call at the earliest possible moment a conference of representatives of all I.L.A. districts to formulate a program that will enable the I.L.A., as a national organization to solidify and present a national program, and if necessary, a national economic front to the employers of both East and West coasts.

The I.L.A. Executive Board also requested the International to cooperate with this district in the establishment of a National Maritime Federation.

2. Ryan replied favorably and also sent two telegrams to the Waterfront Employers Association here protesting the latter's impossible proposals.

3. The Pacific Coast I.L.A. began balloting on Thursday, September 10th, on the question of arbitrating the union wrecking proposals of the shipowners. Little doubt has been expressed but that the longshoremen will refuse to arbitrate, unconditionally, the proposals of the employers.

4. Shipowners seeking the same unacceptable conditions from practically every maritime union now negotiating or preparing to negotiate for new agreements.

## Fight Slash In Cotton Wages

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position from small farmers, however, many of whom started picking cotton and setting a scale of \$1 per hundredweight.

Wage-Cut Plan It is expected that the Associated Farmers, representing the big growers, will advertise throughout the state to bring in an oversupply of labor in order to put the lower scale through.

The small farmers prepared a list to be signed by other small farmers, and practically all in this section have signed. Because of this small farmer solidarity the Associated Farmers had to call of a meeting scheduled in Fresno recently, at which they planned to fix the cotton-picking wage.

The cotton-finance and the growing interests, on whom the small farmers are forced to depend for loans for the crops, intend through this stranglehold to force down the payment to 90 cents. The cotton-pickers are against such a scale.

It has been reported that the Associated Farmers held a secret meeting in one of the rooms in Kern County Court House, Bakersfield, where the county sheriff and most of the growers met together to prepare for a possible strike.

The A.F.L. here issued the following notice to the press: Farm Workers' Union Planned "W. A. Starr, who acted as temporary chairman at a meeting recently to organize a Kern County Agricultural Workers Union, says another meeting will be held in the Labor Temple in Bakersfield, Friday evening."

"The Union, Starr says, is being organized under the American Federation of Labor."

## 2 More Unions In Salinas Strike

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very unpopular in these parts.

Claiming to speak for the business men of Salinas, the growers and shippers, through the so-called Citizens Association of Salinas Valley, published a full-page advertisement in the local press, viciously slandering the unions.

### To Visit Business Men

The Union has drawn up a statement of repudiation of this advertisement, and will visit all Salinas business people, with the request that they sign the repudiation.

Those who refuse to sign will be cited to appear before the Fruit and Vegetable Workers' executive committee, to show why they should not be cited for the unfair list.

Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union 18211 has inserted an advertisement in the press, under the heading of "Notice to Independent Farmers," which states that "if you are interested in harvesting your present lettuce crop, and have no entangling alliances, we are making arrangements to handle about 30 cars a day."

The small independent farmers, though growing only 15 per cent of the crop, represent close to 70 per cent of the farmers. Their crops are shipped largely to the local markets in cities like San Francisco, etc., and not to the big eastern markets, so that permitting such shipment will not weaken the pressure against the big growers.

This action will serve to strengthen the ties between the small farmers and the workers.

### Apple Pickers' Demands

In Watsonville on Tuesday night 1500 apple pickers, union members, met and elected a committee to draw up demands, among which will be wage increases and recognition of the union for collective bargaining purposes.

Strike sentiment among the apple pickers is strong, and a strike may be called any day if the growers refuse to negotiate with the union.

## Vital Fight On Injunction, L.A.

LOS ANGELES.—The Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union is engaged in a struggle, the importance of which is far-reaching to all California organized labor.

The Amalgamated is going into court to show cause why an injunction, sought by the Rosenberg plant, should not be granted against the Union.

The Union is carrying on its strike with renewed vigor against the Rosenberg Co.

The Rosenberg Co. seeks the injunction with the claim that "labor is attempting to dominate business."

If the company is successful, a precedent of the greatest danger will be set against all trade unions.

A large force of Red Squad members stands at the Rosenberg picket line, ready to beat pickets up and make mass arrests at the slightest excuse. Not a single scab has gone through the picket line.

## WPA STRIKE

RICHMOND, Mo.—Sixteen building workers held up WPA construction of a post office building here demanding union scale of 70c per hour instead of the 40c they were getting.

## VICTORY IN SOUTH

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—First victory in a campaign of the building trades unions to raise wages in Chattanooga has been chalked up with an agreement on a cafeteria building job.

## WPA PAYROLL IS PADDED IN LOS ANGELES

## Grafting Exposed By Worker Who Never Had WPA Job

LOS ANGELES.—Documented evidence indicating criminal practices within the WPA was revealed here when payroll padding was disclosed in WPA offices.

This situation was brought to light when John Conrad, member of the Democratic County Central Committee from the 67th District, received a letter from the WPA which demanded payment of \$4.40 which WPA officials claimed Conrad had been overpaid.

### Never Had Job

According to Conrad, at no time has he been employed by the WPA. He applied for work in August, 1935, and was refused and has been unable to secure any information since as to why he was refused work or the disposition of his application.

The letter in part reads: In checking our records we find that for the period ending September 30, 1935, you were overpaid in the amount of \$4.40. This constitutes an illegal payment of government funds.

### Phoney Business

"Therefore, in order to preclude the possibility of any action being brought against you, and to prevent inconvenience to yourself as the result of such action, it will be necessary that this amount be refunded to the United States Government. Your check or money order, made payable to the Treasurer of the United States, should be forwarded to Norman M. Lyon, Paymaster, 1206 Santee Street, Los Angeles, by return mail."

The letter was signed F. J. Weigl, Administrative Payroll Supervisor.

Someone Got the Gravy Upon receipt of the letter, Conrad immediately called at WPA offices, with a witness, and suggested that since he was paid \$4.40 too much for one period, he might have been over-paid at other times.

Conrad was informed that according to the payroll records he owed for other checks which he received over a period of months!

Conrad, a staunch Democrat, wrote to President Roosevelt, Jim Farley and Harry L. Hopkins, detailing his experience with the local WPA.

### Official Run-Around

So far his only reply has come from Rodger J. Bounds, acting director of investigation of WPA, stating that "this matter is being given appropriate attention."

The Workers Alliance of California is now investigating completely the case of Conrad.

## Plan Campaign To Repeal C.S. Act

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mand that these labor prisoners be freed through reversing of the Sacramento trial court's decision when the long-postponed appeal hearing is held some time in November and December.

2. The campaign to repeal the C.S. Act will now be shifted to the forthcoming session of the California Legislature, meeting in January, 1937, and continuing in session until June or July, except during the month of February.

On this point, the Executive Committee of the Conference is preparing to organize hundreds of labor and progressive organizations to demand repeal of the C.S. Act at the 1937 legislative session. A mass conference early in 1937 may be called as a means to this end. Delegations and demonstrations on a state-wide scale are planned.

Quiz Candidates All candidates for State Senate and Assembly are being quizzed on their stand on the C.S. Act, and definite promises to work and vote for repeal will be sought from candidates. Vigorous opposition will be made against candidates not favoring repeal.

The Conference is also preparing to oppose the scores of anti-labor bills that the reactionary forces are preparing to introduce to the Legislature. Similar opposition, led by the Conference, resulted in defeat for more than 20 anti-labor and red-baiting bills at the 1935 session.

The Conference Executive Committee will hold regular meetings every other week to plan this work. Individuals who signed the petitions for repeal are urged to keep in constant contact with the Conference to aid in the campaign.

Send us news of your union.

## La Follette Spy Probe In L.A.

LOS ANGELES.—Following receipt of reports from investigators, the sub-committee of the La Follette Senate Committee will within two weeks open hearings here to uncover strike-breaking agencies.

Under especially keen scrutiny will be the many Los Angeles detective agencies, who supply armed thugs to protect scabs and serve as provocateurs to plants under strike conditions.

The labor-hating Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association has also come in for its considerable share of investigation and will no doubt have its day at the hearing.

Several union officials direct the attention of the Committee to the importation of strike-breakers, especially those who are rushed into the city by airplane.

It has been reliably reported that in some plants scabs are protected by the ratio of four thugs to one scab, and this does not count members of the "Red" Squad who serve in the same capacity.

## Radio Talk To Aid King

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this week began to lay plans for enlisting all of organized labor in a campaign to smash the infamous shipper attempt to frame Earl King, Ramsey and Conner of the Marine Firemen's Union on charges of murder.

The initial conference was held Tuesday at the San Francisco Building Trades Temple. A temporary executive committee of nine delegates were chosen with instructions to form a permanent organization.

At Tuesday's meeting it was brought out again that the charges against King and the others of murdering an engineer aboard the Pt. Lobos some time back, were the result of a definite plot by shipowners who, to accomplish their objective, used stool pigeons on the waterfront.

The meeting wired Senator Robert LaFollette requesting he bring the Senate investigating committee to probe violations of civil liberties and activities of spies placed in the maritime unions here.

Among the organizations sending delegates and observers to the Tuesday conference were: International Fur Workers Union, Local 79; Textile Workers Union, Local 2487; Machinists, Local 68; Alameda Central Labor Council; Cloakmakers Union, Local 8; Federal Labor Union of Oakland; Dressmakers, Local 101; Warehousemen, Local 38-44; I. L. A.; Cooks, Pastry Cooks and Assistants, Local 44; Waiters Union, Local 30; and Cannery Workers, Local 20099.

George Anderson, defense attorney, described how tricky had been used in wringing a so-called confession from Conner. District Attorney Earl Warren induced an Alameda County newspaper to publish a statement that Henry Levenski, Conner's attorney, had returned to Seattle, deserting him.

Conner, it was reported, became panic-stricken and made statements backing up those of Wallace whose testimony had served to indict King.

## Demand Wage Rise In Beet Fields

GUADALUPE.—A demand that the Union Sugar Beet Co. and the sugar beet growers of the Santa Maria Valley increase the present wage schedule for beet topping has been made by the Mexican Laborers Union and Filipino Laborers Union, Branch No. 4.

The demand is embodied in a resolution. The resolution points out that the Filipino and Mexican beet toppers cannot exist under the present wage scale, considering the rise in prices of food necessities.

The present scale, it is shown, is 25 cents an hour, below the agreed scale of 30 cents for general field work.

Copies of the resolution were sent to the sugar-beet interests, the sheriff and district attorney and the press of Santa Barbara County.

## Fire Patrol Escorts Scabs To Calif. Cotton Mills

OAKLAND.—Scabs are being escorted from their homes into the California Cotton Mills by fire dispatchers employed by the Muller patrol, according to officials of the United Textile Workers of America.

The members of the patrol are acting as private cops to assist the management of the mills, the officials declared.

The 400 strikers are solid.

## SMALL FARMERS IN SAN JOAQUIN RIVER FIGHT

## Court Protects Big Power and Land Companies

MODESTO.—Twenty-two Stanislaus County small farmers lost their \$480,000 riparian damage suit against two big power corporations and two big landowning concerns, proving once again who dominates the courts.

The small landowners on the banks of the San Joaquin River claimed their riparian rights (rights to usage of water) had been violated by a storage dam and diversion canal erected by the Southern California Edison Co., San Joaquin Light and Power Corp., Chowchilla Farms, and Miller and Lux.

## Stanislaus Labor Hits Suspension

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sion to several large international unions, and Whereas, This suspension will cause the greatest split in the history of the American Labor movement, and

Whereas, The convention of the federation is less than two months away, and matters so vital to the movement should be settled by the convention, now therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Stanislaus County Central Labor Council, in regular session this 31st day of August, 1936, does hereby petition President Green and the executive council of the American Federation of Labor to withhold further action and let the convention of the American Federation of Labor settle the matter of suspending so many large internationals, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the American Federation of Labor and President Green and that a copy be supplied the delegates of this council to the state federation of labor with the request that they introduce same at the convention of that body convening in Sacramento next month and a copy be given to the Labor Press and daily press.

WASHINGTON.—William Green stated here that state and federal unions and central labor councils are being advised to maintain the status quo for the time being.

"When it seems necessary and advisable," Green said, "the Executive Council will formulate and supply a policy dealing with the relationship of affiliated unions with city central bodies and state federations of labor."

Green intimated that the Executive Council will attempt to compete with the C.I.O. in organizing basic industries like steel, auto, rubber, etc.

The C.I.O. was formed because the Executive Council repeatedly refused to take steps toward organizing these major industries. The Council had spurned all pleas by the C.I



## LABOR AND POLITICS

By John Broman

You've heard of the army rookie who said: "Everybody's out of step but me."

Well, that's the position the Socialist Party is taking in its 1936 election campaign. With millions upon millions of people realizing that one of the chief aims of all progressives in the 1936 election is the defeat of the reactionary Hearst-Liberty League candidate Alf Landon, the Socialists come out and in effect say that the masses of the people are out of step because they don't accept the Socialist slogan of capitalism versus Socialism.

"Roosevelt or Landon: It Makes No Difference," is the slogan advanced by the Socialist Call in its issue of September 5th.

We call this unrealistic, dreamy approach to the hard realities of the current campaign by the name of opportunistic sectarianism.

The Socialists are opportunistic when they refuse to recognize the situation as a crisis for the American people in the fight against reaction and approaching Fascism, when they refuse to pick up the cudgels in a real fight against reaction.

Under the false assumption that they are being revolutionary when they issue slogans for socialism, as the immediate goal, these election slogans which the overwhelming majority of the people are not ready to accept and fight for, they are isolating themselves from the growing progressive forces of labor that are moving toward a real, two-fronted fight against reaction under a Farmer-Labor Party.

The Socialists are being sectarian when they advance such slogans. Their attitude seems to be: "You ought to fight for Socialism, therefore you ought to vote for our candidate."

What impression this Socialist slogan is making can be seen in the Richfield election poll in California. Thomas is polling about one vote for every five cast for Earl Browder, Communist presidential candidate.

This shows that the working people of California aren't interested in the Socialist slogans, that these slogans don't mean much of anything to them. When the Socialists say that it makes no difference whether Landon is elected or whether Roosevelt is elected, the working people simply turn away and say, "You don't know what you're talking about."

When the worst reactionaries, the most Fascist-minded financiers and industrialists put their heavy dough on the line behind Landon; and when they put forward a platform drawn up by the big open-shoppers of industry, such as the Iron and Steel Institute; and when they openly try to promote company unionism—the working people quite correctly draw the conclusion that the election of such a man as Landon would be the worst tragedy that could befall them in the 1936 elections.

Communist Stand . . . The Communist Party, therefore, points out that the main issue is not Socialism versus capitalism, but democracy versus Fascism.

Does this mean that the Socialists are more "revolutionary" than we are because they shout for Socialism? The answer is distinctly "No." We Communists are realists. We know that the majority of the people are not yet ready to struggle for Socialism. But they are ready to fight against reaction, against Fascism and give expression to that readiness at the polls.

And we Communists know that in a united struggle against Fascism, in a Farmer-Labor Party the great majority of the people will learn what Socialism means and, armed with that knowledge, will go forward to the great struggles to achieve Socialism in America.

## NEGROES HURT WHEN OWENS HELPS LANDON

Ford Says Star Does Disservice To His People

NEW YORK.—"Jesse Owens made a splendid record at the Olympics for himself and his race. But unknowingly he is doing his people—my people—a disservice by supporting Landon."

Thus stated James W. Ford, twice the vice-presidential choice of the Communist Party, at a press interview last week.

Just returned from an Eastern campaign tour, Ford announced his attorney would bring legal action against the manager of the Y.M.C.A. Hotel, Scranton, Pa., where he was refused accommodations. He cited this as one of the many instances of discrimination he had encountered on his tour, although adding "not all Y.M.C.A.'s practice segregation."

"Owens was unwise to support Landon, whose most notorious backer, William Randolph Hearst, has ideas identical with those of Hitler, who insulted Negroes all over the world by his treatment of Owens in Berlin," said Ford.

"A course of action for Owens which would have been beneficial to his people would have been to place all his energy and world-wide prestige with those progressive forces which are building a Farmer-Labor Party throughout the country and right in Owens' home state, Ohio."

"This is the direction in which Owens would have gone, if he had followed the line which he began when he first arrived in New York a few weeks ago. At that time Owens said he was opposed to discrimination against Negroes in professional sports, and thought all jim-crow bars should be taken down."

Ford will speak throughout California for the 1936 campaign of the Communist Party early next month.

## VIOLENT TEAR GASSING BY L.A. COPS

LOS ANGELES.—Tear gas bombs were used by the police Saturday night, September 5th, in smashing a peaceful election street meeting of 300 persons at Breed and Brooklyn Streets, being held by the Communist Party, Joseph Turchinsky, unemployed leader, and Mildred Harris, of the Young Communist League, were arrested but later released after questioning.

Protesting the illegal police interference, Emil Freed, Communist candidate for Assembly in the 57th District, and Albert A. Heltness, Communist candidate for Assembly in the 54th, were forcibly ejected from the police station at First and St. Louis Streets after being told that "orders had been issued to bust up the meetings."

Police told Freed and Heltness that Breed and Brooklyn Streets were no longer in the free speech zone. Merchants in the vicinity say they do not object to them.

## POLL SHOWS LANDON LOW

Browder Given 4 1/2 Percent Of Votes

Alf Landon, the Liberty League candidate, is taking a beating in the home state of William Randolph Hearst, according to a straw poll being conducted by the Richfield Oil Company.

The President had polled 18-117 votes by Sunday, September 6th, to a measly 6604 for Landon.

Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President, is polling about 4 1/2 per cent of the straw poll in California, with 1256 votes.

Norman Thomas, Socialist, trails with 173 votes. Lemke, on the Fascist "Union Party" ticket, polled 1650 votes.

On a coast-wide scale, Roosevelt has polled 29,132; Landon, 12,833; Lemke, 2596; Browder, 1495; Thomas, 360.

Ballots may be obtained at any Richfield filling station; no signatures are required.

## VIGILANTE IN ATTEMPT TO DELAY TRIAL

Terrorists Want To Take Advantage Of Prejudice

SAN FRANCISCO.—Notice of an attempt to postpone the damage suit of Jack Green, Sonoma County vigilante victim, against Fred Cairns, identified in the preliminary hearing as one of his assailants, was received here by Attorney Austin Lewis of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Defense counsel for Cairns announced an appeal for a delay of at least 30 days from September 14th, date set for trial, saying it would interfere with the trial on the felony complaints sworn out by Green. Because Cairns is an alien, the damage suit will be heard in the U. S. District Court in Sacramento.

The motion will be vigorously opposed, as an attempt to spare any of the vigilantes or their sympathizers from making statements under oath before a federal court before the criminal case is heard before a Sonoma jury.

The vigilantes want to take advantage of the prejudice which has been whipped up in favor of mob violence in Sonoma County.

Attorney General U. S. Webb's office refused to make any statement to the Western Worker as to whether or not it is investigating information turned over by the A.C.L.U. on the financial backers of the vigilantes.

Henry Dietz, investigator and former "G-Man," said also that his office is doing nothing toward securing a change of venue from the vigilante atmosphere of Sonoma County, saying that only the defense can ask for such a change. However, it is possible for the superior court to make such a change.

"The public should demand that the Attorney General take steps to bring about a transfer," the A.C.L.U. announced.

## Banquet Welcomes New Organizer

SAN FRANCISCO.—Frank Spector, for years a leader in struggles of California workers, will be welcomed back to this state as the new San Francisco County Organizer of the Communist Party at a banquet to be held Sunday, September 20th, 3:30 p. m., at 121 Haight Street.

In addition to Spector, speakers will include Lawrence Ross, editor of the Western Worker and candidate in the 5th Congressional District, and Anita Whitney, State Chairman of the Communist Party and candidate in the 4th Congressional District. Program will include a special French dinner and musical numbers. Admission will be 50 cents, including dinner.

## Ask Muzzling Of Hearst Radio

NEW YORK.—Revocation of the broadcasting license of Station WCAE, Pittsburgh, owned by Hearst Radio, Inc., has been asked of the Federal Communications Commission by the Communist Party.

In a letter to Anning S. Prall, chairman of the commission, William Z. Foster, national campaign manager of the Communist Party, charged that the station's last-minute refusal to carry a talk by Earl Browder, Communist presidential candidate, on August 28th was illegal. Foster asked that "this station be dealt with according to the provisions of the law governing broadcasting by political parties. We understand this law provides for revoking the license of any station that denies similar opportunities to all candidates."

## Indians In Revolt In Venezuela

CARACAS, Venezuela.—Six thousand Cocinas Indians are in revolt against the Venezuelan government in the Goajira region, an have captured large stores of arms and ammunition. The government threatened to use army planes and gunboats to "pacify" the Indians.

Most of the Goajira peninsula is Colombian, but the uprising is in Venezuelan territory along the Gulf of Maracaibo.

DEFENDS C.I.O. READING, Pa.—The Federated Trades Council of Reading is refusing to recognize the suspension of the C.I.O. Union.

## LANDON HELD RESPONSIBLE AS KIDS DIE

400 Die, 1500 Await End From Dread Silicosis

TREECE, Kan.—Nearly 400 little children have choked to death on their own blood—died from silicosis—here in Cherokee County since the Landon administration took power in Kansas.

Fifteen hundred more children are afflicted with this dread disease and are awaiting death.

Official Reports These horrible facts are revealed in the official health files of Dr. H. H. Brookhart, county health officer.

Responsibility for these deaths and the 1500 awaiting death here rests squarely on Governor Landon, the Hearst-Liberty League candidate for President of the United States.

These children—skinny little boys and girls with bloated stomachs and pinched faces—are infected by the silica dust which infects their fathers in the mines. The dust blows in great clouds from huge mountains of silica chat surrounding the mining towns. The children breathe it into their lungs, where the sharp silica crystals cause pulmonary bleeding and kill the children if they remain in the vicinity of the mines.

The school building here is only one block from a chat pile.

Kids Easy Victims Underfed, because their fathers do not make enough money in the mines to buy proper food, the little children fall easy victims to the dread disease.

County relief under Landon averages less than \$8 per month.

How is Landon responsible for silicosis infection? The answer is simple—he appointed the present mine inspector, who allows the mine owners to operate illegally, piling up huge profits.

Poor Commissioner A. G. Gill declared that "if the existing laws were enforced, I believe that fully 50 percent of silicosis could be terminated."

At the last session of the Kansas Legislature an attempt was made to secure an appropriation for a sanitarium to care for the silicosis victims. Landon refused to consider the idea and ruled that the special session had to be devoted to "social security."

And local authorities estimate 80 percent of the adults living in Treece have silicosis with some 5000 persons in the county affected!

Broke Miners' Strike Last year, when the miners struck for protective measures against the deadly silica dust and for higher wages and union conditions, Landon sent troops to break the strike at the request of the profiteering mine owners.

Not one attempt has been made by Landon to enforce a section of the Kansas mining laws which say that the lead and zinc mines must be kept free of injurious dust.

From their death beds the dying miners of Cherokee County warn you that the election of Landon would be the greatest tragedy that could happen to America—that it would mean the crushing of the organized labor movement as Landon crushed the striking miners of this county in 1935.

## DANIEL SHAYS REAL HERO, SAY KIDS

WASHINGTON.—"The Post Office invited the public to make nominations for the army and navy hero series of stamps," said Little Esther Kaufman, of Brooklyn, N.Y., presenting a petition signed by members of the Pioneer Youth Camp at Kingston, N.Y.

"And we're recommending a brave Revolutionary War officer Captain Daniel Shays. It's his 150th anniversary, you know." Officials scratched their heads and remembered that Shays aside from being decorated for bravery in 1776, was leader of a farmers' and workers' rebellion in New England in 1786.

So successful was Shays in getting the people aroused to the need for social justice that the revolt he led has gone down in history books as "Shays' Rebellion."

LANDON MAKES A PLAY TOPEKA.—While Gov. Landon is making a play for the teacher vote by "differing" with his sponsor Hearst on unpopular teachers' oath proposals, Kansas teachers are asking what he intends to do about paying them a living wage. Low pay and overcrowded schools are the rule in Kansas.

## WOMEN'S RIGHTS



MRS. E. K. BURGESS Put this Communist candidate in the State Assembly, and you'll see a real fight to enforce the California minimum wage law for women and children, for the first time. She's running in the 42nd District.

## HUGE 'MOTHER' BLOOR RALLIES

2500 At Picnic Hear 1936 Program of Communists

LOS ANGELES.—"Mother" Ella Reeve Bloor climaxed her Southern California tour with an address before 2500 people at a huge picnic and political rally here Sunday, September 6th.

"Mother" Bloor, campaigning for the Communist Party presidential candidates, Earl Browder and James W. Ford, packed the halls in her talks in Los Angeles, with workers enthusiastically greeting her.

Support Emma Cutler Hundreds of workers were turned away from the meeting in the 13th Congressional District when over 1000 people filled the Abraham Slutsky hall and heard "Mother" Bloor call for all voters to "get behind the Communist Party candidate, Emma Cutler and defeat reaction."

A tremendous ovation was given the 74-year-old Communist when she spoke to 500 young people at the Music Arts Auditorium.

Urging the people to vote Communist in November, "Mother" Bloor declared that the Communist Party stands for the building of the real United Front of the American working class today.

"The Socialist Party convention turned down the Communist appeal for unity in the coming elections," she said. "But throughout my tour across the country I found Socialists who believe in the United Front and are working for it to fight against war and Fascism."

"The rank and file of the Socialist Party and the labor movement will not be put back by the leaders who say don't go too fast."

"Mother" Bloor pointed to the United Front in France and Spain where the working class is smashing the attacks of the Fascists.

Repeal C.S. Act! The Criminal Syndicalism law of California was condemned by "Mother" Bloor, who declared that if the workers of France could build the Popular Front, there was no reason why workers in California could not wipe the C.S. law of the books.

She urged the organizing of active women's clubs in the neighborhoods, which she said would be a great force in building a Farmer-Labor Party.

Other speakers at the picnic included John Leech, county organizer of the Communist Party, Hursel Alexander, youth leader; Jean Mayer, and Emma Cutler. Many workers pledged a day's wages to the Communist election campaign, among them a Socialist Party member.

Resolutions protesting the German and Italian aid to the Spanish Fascists were unanimously passed.

## Dr. Townsend Trying To Swing Pensioners For 'Union Party'

LOS ANGELES.—Dr. F. E. Townsend is trying to swing the old-age pension movement behind the Fascist "Union Party" of Father Coughlin, despite his statement that his endorsement of its presidential candidate, William Lemke, is only "personal."

On September 5th, the doctor spoke to nearly 10,000 Townsend Club members on behalf of the "Union Party," and petitions to place this party on the ballot in California were circulated before and after the meeting.

Townsend said he endorsed Lemke because "Bill said months ago he was going to get back of our plan."

## FOUR WORKERS JOIN RANKS OF SHOCK-BRIGADERS FOR BATTLE AGAINST REACTION

Who Will Be Next Recruits To The Shock Brigade? Fill The People's Chest Against Reaction—Speed Drive!

Here are real shock-brigaders in the fight against reaction and for the building of a free, prosperous and happy America!

They're the first workers to donate a day's pay to the People's Chest Against Reaction, for the carrying forward of the 1936 election campaign of the Communist Party to thousands upon thousands of working people in California and millions in the nation.

These stalwart fighters for the people are Springer, Sacramento; Medford, Sacramento; A Friend, Santa Barbara; and A Worker, Oakland.

Who will be the next recruits to the shock brigade? Donations should be sent to the Communist State Campaign Committee, 121 Haight Street, San Francisco; County Campaign Committee, 230 South Spring Street, Los Angeles; or any Communist Party headquarters.

Get On the Honor Roll Names of shock-brigaders should immediately be forwarded to the Western Worker to be listed in our Honor Roll.

Five-dollar coupon books are also rolling in, although not yet at the peak that must be achieved. Oakland sent in \$33.85; Santa Barbara, \$10; Contra Costa County, \$10; Sacramento, \$15. Los Angeles has settled for \$473.93 proceeds of the meeting for Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President.

Fifty per cent of all these funds are sent to the National Campaign Committee for coast-to-coast radio broadcasts which cost \$4000 each for 15 minutes.

Official Receipts The State Campaign Committee points out that the only official receipts for donations to the election campaign are those printed in New York by the National Campaign Committee, signed Grace Hutchins, treasurer. Temporary receipts have been printed by the National Campaign Committee for use by individuals who collect \$1 or more donations, or day's wages.

A handsome Endorser's Certificate is sent to each individual donating \$1 or more, or a day's wages. Workers selling out \$5 coupon books receive a Shock Brigader's Certificate and a book autographed by the Communist presidential ticket of Earl Browder and James W. Ford.

## Labor Affiliates With League

NEW YORK.—Two important groups affiliated with the American League Against War and Fascism recently—the American Federation of Teachers, at its national convention in Philadelphia, and the Kenosha (Wisc.) Trades and Labor Council, both A.F.L.

The Kenosha labor body includes 38 affiliated unions.

## Police Brutality Grows In Strike

LOS ANGELES.—When Charlotte Duncan, age 23, was badly mauled by a scab on the picket line at the Phyllis Frock Shops this week, members of the Red Squad arrested her and threw her into jail.

Police Brutality This action merely carries out the policy of the police department against the International Ladies Garment Workers Union picket line. Numerous arrests of strikers, provocative acts and the use of filthy language to girl strikers has been the order of the day.

In spite of peaceful and orderly picketing, literally scores of police have escorted the scabs to and from the shop, permitting the girls. But if one of the striking workers so much as questioned the scabs, they were hustled off to the police station.

After the arrest of Miss Duncan, members of the union tried to get a warrant for the man who had beaten her, but without success.

They were given the "run-around" at the police station. Then they tried to contact higher officials. In all these cases they were met by the same stupid arrogance and the refusal to issue a warrant.

## JOINS PROTEST

ELIZABETH, N. J.—A resolution protesting suspension of the C.I.O. unions was passed unanimously by the Union Co. Central Labor Union.

## REGISTER NOW AS COMMUNIST

September 24th New Deadline For Voters

It's not too late to register Communist.

Following the state-wide primary elections last month, the registration rolls were again thrown open and will remain open for new registration and changes of registration until Thursday, September 24th.

The Communist State Election Campaign Committee urges all working people who have not yet registered to go to their respective county clerks and register Communist. It also urges those registered "decline-to-state," Democratic or Republican to change their registrations to Communist, in order to strengthen the fight led by the Communist Party against reaction under its 1936 election platform.

## Pensioners Resent Townsend's Aid To Lemke

SAN FRANCISCO.—Bringing the Fascist program of Father Coughlin and his "Union Party," William Lemke will speak here at Dreamland Auditorium Saturday night, under the sponsorship of local Coughlinites and Dr. F. E. Townsend, founder of the old-age pension movement.

William Murphy, Lemke's personal representative, said the speeches were designed to aid circulation of petitions to get his name on the November ballot. More than 118,000 names are required.

Dr. Townsend's sponsorship of Lemke's tour is causing a lot of rumblings among the members of the old-age pension clubs throughout the state. It is reported, causing the doctor's hand-picked straw-bosses in the movement to get jittery.

The rank-and-file is reported strongly opposed to the Fascist "Union Party," to Father Coughlin, and to Townsend's recent pal, the open Fascist, Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith, who recently called for the creation of storm-troops a la Adolf Hitler.

Just "Personal?" Dr. Townsend has assertedly told his stooges in the pension organization to boost Lemke meetings unofficially, and to help in the petition campaign to put Lemke on the ballot. Publicly, the Long Beach doctor has said that his support of Lemke is just "personal" and in no way involves the pension organization.

Many rank-and-file Townsendites are fighting any support for the "Union Party" whatsoever, recognizing that it is a tool of the Hearst-Liberty League gang designed to take votes away from Roosevelt in order to elect the arch-reactionary, Landon.

## Need Weekly Pay In Agreement

SAN FRANCISCO.—Now that our new agreement with the bosses is coming up, what is really important for us to get is our weekly pay back. That's the big thing for Local 26 of the Laundry Workers Union.

That is the most important thing Anna Brown stole from us—more important than the union funds she ran away with—when she hoodwinked us into signing with an hourly wage, four years ago.

This agreement meant a terrible increase in the speed-up, with shorter hours and chopped-up days for us. But what it meant for the bosses was bigger profits.

We need union members working at the laundry trade on our agreement committee. Especially since our officials say it's impossible to get back our weekly pay, inasmuch as they get paid by the week and this doesn't seem so important to them.



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### The Spanish People's Front Government Leads To Victory

THE People's Front government in Spain represents a government of those parties who are in the best position to pursue an aggressive and unflinching campaign against the murderous Fascist forces.

The People's Front government is a better reflection of the relation of forces actually engaged on the field of battle against the mutineer forces of the Spanish Fascist generals and large landowners. The proletariat and peasantry, bearing the brunt of the fierce attacks by the Fascist forces, are now more actively in the leadership of the people's armed forces.

Capitalist papers are declaring that the present government is a Socialist, or Communist government, with the abolition of the capitalist system as its immediate aim. But then, they have been saying that ever since the Fascist mutiny began.

The People's Front government has the same aim its predecessor had: that of defending the democratic rights of the people against Fascists; to preserve the Republican government, duly elected to the polls. There is no basic change in the character of the state.

No doubt the pro-Fascist elements throughout the world hoped that the establishment of the People's Front government marks a rift in the anti-Fascist forces. The Fascists, however, were doomed to disappointment. All parties which have fought in defense of democracy in Spain have pledged their full support to the People's Front government. More, they welcome the establishment of this government as one better able, under the present circumstances, to defeat the Fascist enemies of Spain.

Inspired by the People's Front government, we can now look for decisive blows against the Spanish Fascists by the People's Militia.

The establishment of this government, and its logical consequence of stiffening the fight against the Fascists, makes the danger of intervention by Hitler and Mussolini sharper. All progressive people, all lovers of democracy must redouble their efforts in support of the embattled Spanish anti-Fascists.

Trade unions and other progressive organizations should pass resolutions calling on our State Department to recognize in fact, and deal with, the government which the Fascist mutineers are trying to overthrow.

Collection of funds for the Spanish anti-Fascists must be speeded. The civil war is in its final and critical stage.

### Can Labor Support Palmer?

THE DEFEAT in the primaries of Grover Johnson, non-partisan candidate for the office of District Attorney of Los Angeles County, robs the progressives and friends of labor of the opportunity of supporting a candidate whose whole record is that of battling for the rights of organized labor—both in the court room and in the field. Around such a candidate there could have been built a really broad united front movement to defeat Fitts, the reactionary incumbent.

Now the only opponent against Fitts is Harlan Palmer, liberal editor of the Hollywood "Citizen-News."

It is of the utmost importance that Fitts' record be repudiated at the polls and Fitts defeated in November. The most effective weapon to defeat Fitts would be the immediate adoption and putting into effect by Harlan Palmer of a labor policy which would make possible the united support of all labor and progressive organizations to defeat Fitts.

Mr. Palmer has made some very liberal statements: against the Criminal Syndicalism law, for example, and other anti-labor legislation. But the progressive and labor forces, who know Fitts for the vicious labor-hating prosecutor that he is, want more definite commitment of policy than that. His stand, especially, on the right of workers to organize, strike and picket without interference from the employers and their agents, in or out of uniform.

Such decisive commitment is necessary. But first, Palmer should take steps to "clean house" himself. His newspaper plant is a non-union shop. Palmer should see to it that

his plant is unionized. This is the first step he should take to convince labor that he is friendly to their aims. He might also send an invitation to the Newspaper Guild to send an organizer to sign up his editorial staff.

If Palmer does these things he will have established a basis on which a united front could be built to oust Fitts.

### Green and Farmer-Labor Party

OBVIOUSLY one of the developments inside the American Federation of Labor which is highly annoying to William Green is the rapidly crystallizing sentiment for a Farmer-Labor Party. The fact that the leadership of this movement has been assumed by the progressive industrial unions headed by John L. Lewis does not make this development any easier for Mr. Green to swallow.

Green's Labor Day speech was sharply directed against the Farmer-Labor Party movement. Green says he believes that organized labor, which is at present a minority of the people, could never expect to pass labor laws through independent political action. He adheres to the Gompers policy of attempting to use the organized labor movement as a "balance of power" between parties and candidates to get concessions.

This "balance of power" theory in reality furnishes Green and his allies in the top leadership of the A.F.L. with a stock for political trading,—and actually ties the A.F.L. executive council more closely to political office holders than to the rank and file of organized labor.

Lewis, Dubinsky, Hillman and other leaders of the Committee for Industrial Organization realize this keenly. This is why, although they support Roosevelt for re-election, they will keep alive their political organization after the elections and work toward a Farmer-Labor Party on a national scale.

### Free Speech In San Francisco

THE Mayor of the City of San Francisco is not interested in maintaining free speech in his city; he "can do nothing"—in the words of his secretary—about upholding the city charter.

This is what a Communist delegation was told when it visited the mayor's office to protest the breaking up of an election campaign street meeting last week. The mayor, who had made an appointment to see Sam Jaye, Communist candidate for the Assembly, suddenly was "too busy" to see the delegation when he learned the nature of the visit.

It is curious how powerless the mayor can be with reference to the illegal actions of his political creature, Chief of Police Quinn!

Once before, when the police illegally broke up a street meeting, the mayor's secretary phoned the chief, in the mayor's absence, and the meetings were allowed to continue. What action will the mayor take now?

The delegation informed the mayor's office that the street meetings will continue, that the Communist Party will fight for its right to freedom of speech.

The denial of this right—the use of force and violence by the police department to overthrow the democratic rights of the people—is a serious challenge to all voters.

We urge all workers in the twentieth assembly district to turn out in mass for the street meeting to be held Saturday at 8 o'clock at the corner of Third and Howard Streets.

### Traitorous "Daughters."

THE LATEST stunt of the D.A.R. is to send thousands of letters to voters calling attention to the need for supporting the Tory Landon, since the "Communists are supporting Roosevelt." The letter, signed by Grace H. Brosseau, ends as follows:

"This is purely a personal appeal. It is made as part payment on my debt to my ancestors, who by their deeds and their sacrifices, made so much possible for me and mine."

The letter is accompanied by reprints of a lying "news" article from Riga, Latvia, stating that the Communist International had ordered the American Communist Party to support Roosevelt.

## SOVIET TRADE UNIONS AID SPANISH PEOPLE'S FIGHT



WORKERS in Moscow factory listen to a speaker call for support of the Spanish people's fight against the Fascist attacks on democracy. A collection is being made to aid the Spanish Front.

## The Nomination of Kramer - Its Lessons

By EVA SHAFRON

CHARLES Kramer, famous for his reactionary Seditious Bill, introduced in Congress aiming to suppress the labor movement, has been renominated in the primaries.

Kramer will be victorious in the general elections in November, unless there can be real mobilization of the labor, progressive and liberal forces around the candidate now in the field opposing him—the candidate of the Communist Party, Emma Cutler.

Does the Kramer nomination in the primaries indicate a reactionary trend of the electorate in the 13th Congressional District?

This question is of paramount importance. Finding the correct answer to this question, we will be in a position to correctly estimate the situation, to work out correct methods on how to defeat reaction, on how, if not completely to defeat Kramer in the November elections, at least to roll up a large enough anti-Kramer vote to completely shatter Kramer's belief that he now has the sanction of the voters in the 13th Congressional District to carry on further his policies of reaction in Congress.

Let us examine the vote.

**Large Anti-Kramer Vote**  
 Kramer ran on the Republican, Democratic and Progressive tickets. He won on all three. We do not have at hand the figures on the Progressive ticket. We therefore cannot analyze this to see what the anti-Kramer vote was on this ticket, as we will attempt to show on the Republican and Democratic ticket. Suffice it to say that the Progressive ticket played a very small role in the elections, and that there was an opposition vote also on this ticket.

On the Democratic ticket a very large anti-Kramer vote was registered. There were several candidates running. The final result: 39,568 for Kramer. The total for all candidates opposing him was: 20,839—some 42% anti-Kramer.

**The Republican Ticket**  
 It is also important to analyze the Republican ticket. Here too there were several contending candidates. Kramer polled the biggest vote—11,861. All the other candidates polled 15,282. But no single candidate polled a large enough vote to defeat Kramer on the Republican ticket.

However, the fact that, taking together all the votes on the Republican ticket, Kramer was defeated shows that he is not the "victor" that he pretends to be. It is true that we have to differentiate the opposition-vote to Kramer on the Republican ticket from that of the anti-Kramer vote on the Democratic ticket.

While the anti-Kramer vote on the Democratic ticket was clearly a vote against the reactionary policies of Kramer and his infamous Bill, in the case of the Republican ticket such a generalization would not be entirely correct.

While there were many voters voting for other candidates on the Republican ticket outside of Kramer, who also voted against him as a reactionary, this was not such a generally clear expression of the electorate as a whole as in the case of the Democratic voters who were distinctly divided on the question of his Bill.

However, here too is to be observed a decided rebuff to Kramer.

What made possible Kramer's election?

Having the facts clear before us we can now attempt to answer the question posed above.

**A Menace To All Labor**

On the evening after the primary elections, Kramer made a speech over the radio, in which he declared that he now has the approval of the electorate of the 13th Congressional District to

purse his reactionary policies down the line.

He declared that he will carry on a relentless struggle against "Communism" in Congress. Of course, as was so well brought out by the delegates in the Los Angeles Central Trades and Labor Council when it refused to endorse Kramer, his talk of "fight Communism" does not mean fighting Communists only, BUT ALL WORKERS, ALL LIBERAL THOUGHTS AND ACTIONS, THE ENTIRE LABOR MOVEMENT.

Under the guise of "fight Communism" with the "mandate" now "received" by the electorate in the 13th Congressional District, Kramer will undoubtedly increase his reactionary anti-working class activities in Congress if victorious in November.

The chief reason for the election of Kramer in the primaries was the division in the anti-Kramer forces.

Our Party, "way before the primary elections, declared that Kramer, the arch enemy of liberty, of the working class, must be defeated. Our Party urged united action of all anti-Kramer forces in the 13th Congressional District to defeat Kramer.

We saw that Kramer, with large financial resources at his disposal, having the backing of the trade union-smashing elements on his side, can be defeated only if there were one strong anti-Kramer candidate opposing this reactionary, mustering all anti-Kramer forces behind this candidate, leaving aside all other disagements for the time being, and unite on one point—THE DEFEAT OF KRAMER.

This is why our Party urged that all Liberal, Democratic and Republican anti-Kramer forces unite behind the chief candidate opposing Kramer, Parley, Parker Christensen, in the primary elections.

We had criticisms to offer of Christensen. We offered this criticism. We maintained that if Christensen really wants to fight against reaction, if he wants to be elected by the anti-Kramer forces, he must come out with a clear-cut program in the elections covering the burning issues. We stated that to defeat Kramer, a united front behind Christensen must be built.

**Progressives Weren't United**

What happened was just the opposite. Instead of having one candidate on the field opposing Kramer in the Democratic primaries, there were five. While the five candidates polled 42% votes in the Democratic primary elections, with more strenuous work, with unity, Christensen might have been put into the final race in the November elections. These five candidates ran against each other, neither of them polling the necessary vote to defeat Kramer, thus actually assisting the election of Kramer in the primaries.

While the anti-Kramer forces were divided, the reactionary forces supporting Kramer were closely united. Tens of thousands of dollars were spent for the election of Kramer. He issued mountains of literature. He had trucks go around the streets of the 13th Congressional District advertising Kramer.

As in any other corrupt campaign, "open house" was held towards the end of the campaign where candy, drinks, etc., were given out freely by the Kramer forces, and Kramer was thus known to be the "good boy," the "kind-hearted fellow" who should "get a break," should be sent to Congress.

The Christensen forces and Christensen himself neither had the necessary money to spend in the campaign, nor did they come out sharply enough, clearly enough on the main issues in the campaign to muster up the anti-Kramer vote behind Christensen. He was not made popular in the District.

This has the greatest bearing on the fact that he was so sharply defeated by Kramer on the Democratic ticket.

With proper work until the November elections, large numbers of this strata can be brought to cast their votes against Kramer.

The analysis of the vote given above shows clearly that Kramer did not win out heavily against the combined anti-Kramer vote, that if prior to the primary elections to the anti-Kramer vote had been united instead of split in so many different directions, Kramer might have been defeated in the primaries.

If all anti-Kramer forces can be united for the November elections, it may yet be possible to defeat him in the finals, at least to roll up a large enough vote to show Kramer that he has not got the mandate from the voters in his district to carry out his campaign of reaction as he now claims he has.

Even if the complete defeat of Kramer cannot be achieved in the November elections, a tremendously large anti-Kramer vote would be of greatest significance in giving a blow to reaction.

The only candidate in the field now opposing Kramer in the finals is the candidate of the Communist Party, Emma Cutler, popular and beloved among the workers in the electorate generally in the 13th Congressional District.

**Unity Now Essential**  
 All pro-labor and liberal forces desirous of giving a smashing blow to reaction must now unite behind this working class candidate.

To carry out an anti-Kramer campaign between now and November 3rd requires much effort, much understanding of the issues involved, and above all iron unity of action. All those who wanted to see Christensen or any other anti-Kramer candidate elected and the Socialist Party, which has no candidate in the field in the 13th Congressional District, must throw their whole support behind Emma Cutler.

### Denies Movement To Aid Lemke

LOS ANGELES—Edward J. Margett, California manager of the Townsend movement, stated here last week that when Dr. Townsend announced his intention of supporting William Lemke and his Union Party, he spoke only as an individual and not as a Townsend leader.

"The vote of the Townsend movement is committed to no presidential candidate," said Margett. "Dr. Townsend knows, as does any member of the organization, that the Townsend people voted to remain non-partisan."

"Several newspapers carried the story that both myself and the Townsend organization would aid the Lemke forces in procuring the necessary 113,000 signatures needed to place his name on the ballot. This is untrue."

Margett said that at a meeting to be held within a week, he intended to explain fully to the 15,000 Townsends expected to attend that they were free to vote for any presidential candidate they choose.

**GOLD FOR HEARST**

NEW YORK—That's plenty of gold in them Hearst-owned hills of South Dakota. Dirty Willie's Homestake Mining Co. announced an extra \$2 dividend on each share of stock, in addition to the usual \$1 a month.

"To aid the Spanish people to defend world peace against the Fascist war-makers throughout the world."

## AS WE SEE IT

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN,  
 California State Secretary, Communist Party, U. S. A.

### LABOR DAY

150,000 workers marched in California cities on Labor Day, a mighty and impressive demonstration of the growing strength and vitality of the labor movement in this state.

Probably nowhere in the nation was there such a proportionate show of strength in Labor Day parades, serving notice on the employers that the open shop is on the way out for good in California industries.

Every union showed increased membership and greater turnout, and many new unions that were just born during the past year were marching for the first time.

Let the shipowners bear in mind that if they provoke a tie-up on the waterfront on Sept. 30th, they will have to deal not only with the solid ranks of the maritime workers that were marching, but with the whole army of labor that poured onto the streets last Monday.

Let them recall that public opinion has not fallen for the red-baiting and anti-union propaganda with which the shipowners have been filling the press lately, and this was evidenced among the hundreds of thousands of spectators who gave their greatest cheers and ovations to the longshoremen and the other maritime unions in the parade.

In the past Labor Day passed off with picnics where political hand-shakers and baby-kissers poured out expressions of love and sympathy for Labor.

It is a symptom of the new and militant spirit which is capturing the trade unions that demonstrations and parades have replaced picnics, and Labor Day speeches, instead of the usual inanities, are beginning to reflect some of the issues facing the working-class.

The main speech in San Francisco, by George Davis, Mooney attorney, was a defense of industrial unionism and a plea for unity in the labor movement. It warned of the Fascist danger in America, and of the need for defending democracy against this danger. It warned against red-baiting as the weapon of the employers and the Fascists.

The speech of the secretary of the State Federation of Labor, Edward Vandeleur, was much less satisfactory to labor's needs, in that it evaded some issues and distorted others.

Mass pressure and sentiment in the trade unions forced Vandeleur to speak against vigilantism, and the need for the A.F.L. to organize the agricultural workers.

We can only hope that this will be reflected more concretely in a program presented to the State Federation of Labor convention which opens Sept. 14th in Sacramento. Last year's convention adopted an excellent resolution to combat vigilantism, but practically nothing was done to carry it out.

Militant-sounding speeches alone will not destroy vigilantism, Mr. Vandeleur. Similarly, all plans to organize agricultural labor in California have remained on paper thus far, and have even been sabotaged by the State Federation officials.

Vandeleur appears to take a stand against red-baiting when

### ACCENT ON YOUTH

We were doing so when we saw him. Three days we had come out to the park to read and study, and every time about eleven in the morning. The first time I saw him I shivered uncomfortably. He might have been 23 or so. He wore a tattered brown overcoat, and carried a newspaper-wrapped small bundle under his arm.

He walked stiffly. Under his dirty, crusted old hat I could see his eyes. They had a glazed, glassy stare. His smile was incongruously sweet. When he went by, we didn't comment. A second time, and the same glassy stare. A third time. We talked about him.

Evidently he slept in the park every night, and along about 11 o'clock went out to hunt up some food. He walked stiffly because he was half frozen. A few months of enjoying the city's parks through nights that make me wear a sweater over my pajamas, and anybody's eyes would shine unwholesomely. Golden Gate Park is a lovely place, and here's to more people enjoying it. But at night, one almost needs a home and a bed with blankets!

This fellow is only one of a multitude of youth who live like animals without clothes, shelter, or decent food. He is one of millions who would benefit from the passage of the American Youth Act, providing jobs and education for needy American youth from 16 to 25 the aim. Youth Act would give him a job at pay which would buy a few clothes, regular meals, and a place beside the park to spend his nights!

The fight for useful, creative, and happy lives for the young generation is being intensified here in California. The campaign for the passage of the American Youth Act, designed to provide educational opportunities, vocational training, and employment to young people between 18 and 25, is a major phase of the activity of the local councils of the American Youth Congress.

**For Jobs to Youth**

But California American Youth Councils are working also for a California Youth Act, similar to the national American Youth Act, which will provide California youth with jobs and education. The San Francisco Council has set up a committee to talk with prominent persons in the state who have contact with young people and whose opinions will be valuable in creating a comprehensive, valid bill.

These persons will be questioned about conditions of the young people in their unions, churches, etc., and this information will be used to supplement factual material about the need for the proposed legislation. Advice as to what provisions such an act should include, in what fashion it should be financed, and by whom it should be administered, will be sought.

The intention is to enlist the cooperation of all California youth organizations in drawing up the bill, and present it to the State Legislature when it convenes in January.

Suggestions and opinions from readers will be appreciated.



## LENIN'S WIDOW SPIKES LIES, SCATHES SOCIALIST LEADERS FOR DEFENDING TROTSKYISTS

**N. Krupskaya Scores Support By Second International Leaders Of Attacks Inspired by Nazi Gestapo**

MOSCOW—Lies of Hearst and company that she had appealed for mercy for the Trotskyist plotters, were spiked here by N. Krupskaya, widow of Lenin, in a scathing reply to the recent action of leaders of the Second (Labor and Socialist) International on behalf of the terrorists convicted of plotting the assassination of Joseph Stalin and other leaders of the Soviet Union.

## SPAIN TRUTH BY CATHOLICS

**Expose of Fascists' Lies Unpublished By Church**

LONDON—An English Catholic, Monica Whately, writes on the relation of the Church to the Spanish Fascist uprising in the London Daily Worker of August 27th, stating that as far as she knows, her article has been refused publication by any Catholic paper. The article follows in part:

"Having just returned from Spain, I am amazed at the ignorance which appears to exist in this country regarding the situation, and the responsibility of those who have plunged the country into the horrors of civil war. I should like, however, to point out one or two things. This war in Spain, with any atrocities which result, was not declared by the Spanish government.

Illegal  
"What happened was that a Fascist military group had been unable to sway the elections to their side, instead of accepting the will of the people, which we must do, if democratic government is to prevail, plotted and armed an illegal rebellion against the government.

"As to the destruction of the churches, anyone who had been in Spain would realize that if an aerial bombardment is taking place, it is quite impossible to drop bombs so that they miss the churches. Churches in Spanish towns are as close as mushrooms in a field.

"Moreover, the 'Universe' has itself acknowledged in its copy of August 7th that several churches have been used by the anti-Reds as 'ammunition dumps.' The Spanish government, therefore, by all the rules of war, is entitled to bomb them.

Brands Lies  
"As to the alleged attacks on priests and nuns, I would point out that the wireless broadcast from Madrid given by Reuter on behalf of the International Journalist, declared the 'atrocities stories to be untrue.

"In the evening broadcast of August 14th 'the public was warned against the hysterical stories published in the British press by refugees and others.'

"There is no doubt at all that large numbers of priests are actually fighting with the Fascists.

"A friend of mine went into the Fascist headquarters in Palma, and found there a priest, whom he knew, disguised as a peasant and carrying a gun."

"For a Free, Happy and Prosperous America!" Vote Communist!

"It is no accident that the Second International behaved like madmen rushing to defend the Trotskyist-Zinoviev band of murderers," said Krupskaya.

United Demand  
"The whole Soviet land was single-minded in its demand: Shoot the mad dogs! They wanted to murder Comrade Stalin, heart and brain of the revolution.

"Trotskyists and Zinovievists do not bother about the masses—that is not the essence of their lives. They had only one thought—how to seize power.

"They did not hesitate to ally themselves with agents of the Gestapo (German Nazi secret police), the most openly declared enemies of the dictatorship of the proletariat who want to re-establish the bourgeois order of capitalist exploitation of the working masses in the Soviet land.

"It is no accident that Trotsky, who has never grasped the essence of proletarian dictatorship or the role of the masses in the construction of Socialism, who thought Socialism could be created by instructions from above, has taken the road of organizing terrorist acts against Stalin, Voroshilov and other members of the Political Bureau who helped the masses build Socialism.

Betrayers of Masses  
"It is no accident that Trotsky drove the unprincipled Kamenyev-Zinoviev bloc deeper and deeper into the abyss, ending in the unheard of betrayal of the cause of Lenin, of the masses and of Socialism.

"Trotsky, Zinoviev, Kamenyev and the entire band of murderers worked hand in hand with German Fascism. They made an alliance with the Gestapo.

"But the miserable band failed in its design and the masses are drawing ever closer around the Central Committee and their love of Stalin is ever greater.

Aid Capitalist World  
"The Second International, the de Brouckeres and the Citrines support every baseness committed against the working class of the Soviet Union. In the anti-Soviet chorus struck up by the bourgeois world, these Second International leaders have earned the first place.

"The Third International arose from conflict with the Second International. With the help of the renegade Kautsky and company the Second International conducted a furious campaign of persecution against the dictatorship of the proletariat and Soviet power.

"The Second International tried to defend the capitalist order and throw dust in the eyes of the masses. Today the Second International intervenes to defend Trotsky, agent of the Gestapo.

Enemies of Socialism Fail  
"But the Second International has failed. Our Soviet country has become a country of overwhelming strength. The banner of Communism is raised higher and higher. With firm step, the country treads the path pointed

## RED ARMY IS ASSURANCE OF PEACE



## U.S.S.R. MAJOR PEACE FACTOR

**March Of Socialism Told By Soviet Delegate**

SAN FRANCISCO—How the existence of the Soviet Union is the major factor in the maintenance of world peace was brought out clearly to the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco last Friday by Dr. V. M. Motylev, director of the Soviet World Atlas and professor at the Institute of National Economy of the U.S.S.R.

Dr. Motylev was one of the delegates to the recent Institute of Pacific Relations held at Yosemite.

Pacific Relations  
His speech, given at a luncheon, was one of a series presenting the viewpoint of various countries represented at the institute. At previous luncheons delegates from Japan and China had spoken.

Dr. Motylev built his talk primarily on Far-Eastern questions, showing how the tremendous resources of the Soviet Far East are the object of envy and aggression by Far Eastern imperialist powers. Although no country was named, the provocative incidents fostered by Japan made the issue clear.

March of Socialism  
Figures showing how Soviet industry is developing the Far East in agriculture, industry, mining and transportation were cited. At the same time it was shown that this development, under the Soviet system, a powerful factor for peace.

The Soviet Union, Motylev said, imports more than it exports; furthermore, foreign trade could be abolished altogether without serious hardship.

Assurance of Peace  
Soviet military power in the Far East was shown as an assurance of peace on the borders. Weakness would invite aggression.

"What if Russia were today in the hands of an imperialist clique?" asked Dr. Motylev in bringing home his point that the existence of the U. S. S. R. is the main barrier to imperialist aggression which drives toward war.

out by Marx, Engels and Lenin. "Neither the Trotskyists nor Zinovievists nor the Second International can hide these facts or throw dust in the eyes of the workers.

"The tense situation on the international front where war is threatening will sharpen the vigilance of the working people and the People's Front of working people throughout the world will grow from strength to strength."

Rejoice With U.S.S.R.  
The same as in the rest of the world, every honest worker and every progressive individual in the United States will rejoice at the firm and effective way in which the Soviet Union was able to check the terrorists conspiracy of these Fascist agents, to scotch it and mete out to those guilty the drastic punishment they deserved.

All liberty-loving people in this country, the same as elsewhere, all enemies of Fascism and war will rejoice at the ability of the Soviet government to defend itself and its great leaders from the terrorist conspiracy engineered by Trotsky in collaboration with Hitler's secret police.

The same Fascist-terrorist gang that assassinated the immortal Kirov, raised its hand against Comrade Stalin. They raised their bloody hand against the great builder of Socialism, against the world leader in the struggle for peace, democracy and progress; against the symbol of the most profound aspirations and hopes of the oppressed and downtrodden throughout the world.

Dagger Against All Of Us  
In doing so the Trotsky assassins were raising a dagger against

Let unity between Socialists and Communists blaze the way to unity of all toilers!

K. VOROSHILOV, Commissar of National Defense for the Soviet Union, is shown here reviewing stalwart Red Army units—guarantees that the land of Socialism will be protected from the imperialist designs of Japan and the Fascist countries. The strength of the Red Army is entirely devoted to defense—a threat only to aggressors who envy the tremendous resources of the Soviet Union, ever being increasingly developed with the triumphant march of socialism.

## Nazi "Prosperity" Now Vanished

BERLIN—After the show of "prosperity" for visitors to the Olympic Games the Nazis have forced the German people back to starvation rations.

During the Games, there was pork and beef a-plenty, and whole crates of eggs were displayed in the windows—bought from Scandinavian countries.

But with the visitors gone, eggs are now practically unobtainable. Butchers who go to central distributing depots to get their day's supply of meats are now forced to show what their recent turnover in such products has been—and then are usually able to purchase only half of what they want.

## British Plan To Crush Arabs

LONDON.—Revealing plans for a drive to crush the nationalist rebellion of the Arabs against British imperialism in Palestine, the British Colonial Office announced appointment of Lieutenant General J. G. Dill as supreme commander in Palestine and placed an additional division of 15,000 troops under his event.

Hundreds of Arabs have been shot down by British troops since April 19th, when the Arabs called a general strike against violation of British promises to the Arabian people.

## Trotskyism Exposed As Fascist Terrorism

(Statement of the Central Committee, Communist Party, U.S.A.)

The trial and execution of the Zinoviev-Trotskyist-Fascist assassins has rendered a great service not only to the people of the Soviet Union but to the cause of democracy, Socialism and peace throughout the world.

The public trial established conclusively that the executed 16 terrorists were plotting the assassination of Comrade Stalin and other leading figures of the Soviet Union. The trial established that these plots were carried out with the assistance and collaboration of Hitler's secret police and under the guidance of Trotsky.

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## NEW PACT IS NAZI SETBACK

**War Plots Curbed In New Franco-Polish Protocols**

PARIS—Nazi attempts to achieve an anti-Soviet agreement with Poland received a mighty setback, when the French Foreign Office announced that General Edward Rydz-Smigly, Polish military head, had concluded Franco-Polish political and economic protocols to be submitted to the French Cabinet.

Main points include implicit reaffirmation of the Franco-Polish military alliance of 1921, which provides mutual assistance against aggression; French guarantee of credits for construction of the strategic Polish railroad to Gdynia, paralleling the line to Danzig; French underwriting Polish arms and munitions orders to be placed with the recently nationalized munitions industry of France; France to agree to a long term discount arrangement for the Bank of Poland.

France has a mutual assistance pact with the Soviet Union. The protocols are directed toward curbing the war plots of the German Nazis.

## Season's Best Laugh—Coughlin a "Red"

WASHINGTON—Funniest example of "red-baiting" in the 1936 election campaign, came when former Senator Smith Brookhart of Iowa charged Father Coughlin, the Fascist priest of Detroit, with "American Communism."

Brookhart, an "insurgent Republican," announced his support of President Roosevelt, and declared that "15% of Father Coughlin's 16 points can be found in the new Soviet Constitution."

all of us, and against the cause of anti-Fascism, Socialism, and peace, for which the best sons and daughters of humanity are fighting today.

Trotsky is still at large, shielded and protected by the enemies of the masses; but his agents were caught and punished. As a result the camp of democracy, peace and Socialism have become stronger everywhere.

The great moral strength and purity of Bolshevism never stood out in clearer light. Zinoviev and Trotsky could neither corrupt nor disintegrate the Bolshevik Party, hard as they tried. They could not turn it off the path to Socialism, as the Noskes and Scheidemanns had succeeded in corrupting and disintegrating the Social-Democratic Parties of the Second International. The Bolshevik Party, the Party of Lenin and Stalin always stood by the toiling masses, marching confidently at the head of them to Socialism and democracy.

Crushed Menace  
Instead of becoming affected by these traitors as Social-Democratic Parties became, the Bolshevik Party successfully eliminated them from its midst. And when these traitors turned to Fascist terrorism, the Bolshevik Party firmly and unflinchingly crushed this menace under its feet.

Trotskyism stands exposed before the whole world as Fascist terrorism. As such it must be met and combated everywhere.

Whether on their own initiative or under the pressure of the Trotskyists, Norman Thomas and some of the other leaders of the Socialist Party have seen fit to disgrace themselves by rushing to the defense and protection of Trotsky.

Socialist Telegram  
In the name of the Socialist Party, whose membership they did not consult, Norman Thomas and Clarence Senior have

## NEW CABINET AIDS SPANISH ANTI-FASCISTS

**People's Front Gov. Is Linked With Masses**

MADRID—The new People's Front government "does not in the least degree signify a radical break in the political regime," wrote Michael Goltsov in a cable dispatch to Pravda, central organ of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

"The change of government took place under conditions of complete organization and order. The transference of office occurred in the most loyal and friendly fashion.

"The formation of the new government was met with a great response throughout the country. The proclamation of the new governmental representation coincided with the arrival in Madrid of new army units on their way from the southwest. These circumstances created a buoyant spirit in the capital, and in spite of the tenseness of the military situation, an assurance of victory was felt.

"The Giral government, which resigned, had the full, unlimited, practical and political support of all parties of the People's Front. The government resigns unblemished politically, after one and a half months' military struggle with Fascist rebels, a struggle which it conducted honestly, and in accord with all its forces.

"Still the Giral government, in its composition of party and personnel, has recently not been in a position to lead the struggle of life and death which the masses of the people are carrying on against the Fascist monsters—a struggle upon which everything depends.

Fighters Chiefly Workers  
"Whereas 'Left Republican' supporters and friends help the defense within the capital and provincial state apparatus, in the industrial and trading administration, and in the midst of the commanding staff, the mass of the fighters on the front and the whole of the militia are comprised of workers, from laborers and peasants who long ago united in workers' parties and in Socialist or Anarcho-Syndicalist trade unions.

"The masses, during the period of many years, have become accustomed to this leadership, and in the new and dangerous military situation, it is quite natural for them, first of all, and most of all, to trust this leadership. Because of this, for the best defense of the Republic, two powers, or rather an additional organ, has been set up for putting into practice the decisions of this collective power.

"The fact that the Socialist Party, Communist Party, and trade unions are represented in the government, creates a direct,

working contact between the fighting masses and the highest organs of Republican power. It makes it possible to create an authoritative, united military command under general headquarters.

"Today the government under Largo Caballero is first of all a government for the national defense of Spain against conquerors and interventionists, outside of and within the country."

## Portugal Revolt Is Reported

LISBON, Portugal.—Revolt broke out on two warships in Lisbon Harbor here last Tuesday, but was crushed almost immediately by the Fascist dictatorship which for 10 years has crushed the Portuguese people.

The crews of the sloop Alfonso de Albuquerque and the destroyer Dato seized their ships and attempted to steam to sea.

The Alameda fortress promptly started shelling the vessels, and the crews were forced to surrender.

"Strong men" of the Portuguese Fascist dictatorship are President Antonio Carmona and Prime Minister Oliveira Salazar. Portugal has aided the Spanish Fascists with arms and munitions in their attempts to overthrow the Spain Republic. The German Nazis have used Portugal as a clearing house for aid in money and munitions to the Spanish Fascists.

## First People's Front Gov. In History!

MADRID.—The new People's Front cabinet is as follows:

Premier—Largo Caballero, Socialist; Foreign Minister—Julio Alvarez del Vayo, Socialist; Finance Minister—Juan Negrin, Socialist; Navy and Air Minister—Indalecio Prieto, Socialist; Interior Minister—Angel Galarza, Socialist; Industry and Commerce Minister—Anastasio de Gracia, Socialist.

Agriculture, Minister—Vicente Uribe, Communist; Education Minister—Jesus Hernandez, Communist; Communications Minister—Fernando Giner de los Rios, Republican Union; Labor Minister—Tomas Y. Pie, Catalan Left; Justice Minister—Mariano Rufin Funes, Republican Left; Minister without portfolio—Jose Giral, Republican Left; Minister of Public Works—Jose Antonio Aguirre, Basque Nationalist.

## 64 High Officials In Black Legion

PONTIAC, Mich.—Sixty-four high officials of city, county and state government in this state have been or are now members of the fascist Black Legion, a Grand Jury investigation shows.

Included among them are Oakland County Prosecutor Pence and Police Chief Reynolds of Royal Oak, location of Father, Coughlin's "Shrine."

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## WORLD PEACE ACTION PLAN OF CONGRESS

**6000 Delegates Give 4-Point Program Approval**

BRUSSELS.—Determined to transform their decisions into a permanent world-wide campaign for peace, 6000 delegates from five continents concluded the final session of the World Peace Congress here on Saturday, September 5th.

The general commission, presented a peace action program of four main points, which was adopted:

Organization of a universal World Peace Day; creation of a World Peace Badge, to be worn by peace supporters in all countries; exchanging of prominent fighters of peace between different nations; organization of national peace congresses to unite all peace forces in every country.

Schwernik, heading the Soviet trade union delegation, declared amidst thunderous applause for the Soviet Union's peace policy: Soviet Peace Policy

"The eyes of the peoples of the whole world are filled with hope and turned to this congress. Events of great import follow each other rapidly. If we want to fight effectively for peace, it is not sufficient to fight only against the war danger in general. The causes of war must be uncovered. The aggressor must be established. Facts must not be hidden. The strengthening of the authority of the League of Nations through the example given by the peace policy of the Soviet Union corresponds to the deepest feelings and aims of the trade unions of the Soviet Union."

Greatest ovation was given to a Catalan farmer who declared for the Spanish delegation that world peace depended on the triumph of democracy over Fascism in Spain.

Force Jobs Into Work In Fields

SANTA BARBARA.—Relief methods are to be "tightened" so that every able-bodied man on relief can be shunted to available jobs in the bean, carrot and other vegetable fields of Santa Barbara County, defeated Harvey Rudolph, SRA and county welfare director. These "jobs" pay no more than relief for long hours.

ORDERS LABOR DAY WORK

EAST CHICAGO, Ind.—The steel workers in the Chicago-Gary area were ordered to work on Labor Day, following similar orders in the Pittsburgh district.

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# Three Months Old Textile Strike in Oakland Holds Solid

## UNION FIGHTS SPEED-UP AND 28-CENT WAGE

### Sweatshop Condition Prevailed Before Men Organize

By a Worker Correspondent

Pitifully small wages—Back-breaking speed-up—Intolerably long hours of labor—

These, in brief, are the main factors which led some 400 workers at the California Cotton Mills, 23rd Avenue and Kennedy Street, Oakland, to organize in Local 2487 of the United Textile Workers and which resulted in a strike that is today making labor history in the East Bay.

For several years the men and women of this textile plant, nearly all having families to support, had toiled under sweatshop conditions at wages ranging from 28 cents to 39 cents an hour.

#### Unpaid Overtime

So terrific was the speedup exacted by the management that most of the women workers were forced to toil a half hour extra on their own time in order to prepare for the regular day's schedule. Most of the workers were of Spanish and Portuguese nativity and unfamiliar with the organized labor movement.

The crying need for protection against ever-increasing exploitation made it clear to these workers that they must unite, and in May of this year the union was formed.

#### 98 Per Cent Organized

Approximately 98 per cent of the cotton mill's employees were signed up with the United Textile Workers' local and a charter was obtained from the Textile Workers' International, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. Late in May a series of demands were formulated and a union committee selected to present them to the management.

The union asked for an increase of 10 cents an hour in the wages of all employees; a 40-hour work week; time and a half pay for overtime after eight hours; and recognition of the union for purposes of collective bargaining. The management was given ten days in which to answer the demands.

**Demands Rejected**  
The union committee duly presented the demands. They were answered with a flat rejection from the management of all requests.

Two days after the committee had been spurned the management began moving its finished goods from the company warehouse to other warehouses in the bay area.

Realizing that this action was a move against the union, the committee, which had been given the authority by the union, issued a strike call on June 2. On that date the plant was closed, and pickets appeared about the premises.

**Management Lies**  
The management retaliated with a series of statements and advertisements in the Oakland press stating the company was being subjected to unfair pressure and would be forced to move its plant from Oakland unless the strike was called off. This propaganda failed to dissuade the strikers.

After the plant had remained idle several weeks, the company changed its tactics and informed the union committee by letter that it would meet the committee.

**Company Gets "Generous"**  
The union leaders went into conference with the management and received from company officials an offer of a 1 cent an hour increase in pay for all those getting 33½ cents or more an hour; increase of pay to 34 cents for those getting less than 33½ cents; and a 40-hour week. The company, however, rejected the plea for time and a half for overtime and refused to recognize the union.

The strike committee immediately called a general meeting of the union and submitted the company's proposal to the members. The proposals were rejected by a vote of 212 to 14.

**The Company's Promise**  
Mr. Millar, manager of the plant, had assured the strikers committee that he would not procure scabs to work the plant, but would preferably let it remain closed. However, two days after the union had rejected the company proposals scabs were brought in, some in box cars, others in automobiles under police guard. The plant resumed operation in the middle of July at about 50 per cent capacity.

## Because the Employers Don't Like the Expense of Decent Conditions, They Force A Strike and Hire Scabs

By a Worker Correspondent

Because Isaac Campos lives near the California Cotton Mill, his Oakland bosses think he watches the scabs going to work. And so they send members of the police force to intimidate him, to give him the third degree.

### Small Business Man Should Know He Needs Strikers Aid

By a Striker.

OAKLAND—Pete Freitas has a small pool room on Railroad Avenue, which is very close to the California Cotton Mill. He made most of his business from mill workers when they stepped in for a game or a bottle of pop. The strike naturally has made it harder for this small business man. Police in their brutality towards the pickets make it still harder. When anyone enters Pete's pool room with a button, officer Spooner sees to it that he is ejected immediately. This has been happening quite often. We wonder why Pete hasn't the guts to stand up for his rights and protest to the City Council. When the workers return to work Pete, what will they think of you?

## Reactionary Labor Leader's Son Is Labor-Hating Cop

By a Worker Correspondent.

OAKLAND—Living up to his family tradition as an enemy of labor, Young Spooner, son of Secretary William Spooner of the Alameda County Central Labor Council, is very active these days doing dirty work against the striking cotton mill workers.

Unlike many other cops who patrol their respective beats, "Sonny" Spooner goes out of his way to intimidate workers.

#### Out of His Way

He makes it his business to go into pool rooms and beer parlors near the cotton mill and whenever he sees a striker with a Textile Union button on, he ush throws him out and forces him to "keep moving."

In fact he is so duty-bound that even on his day off he was seen loitering ominously around the home of a woman striker who had been accused of "misbehavior" toward a scab.

**Did Papa Tell Him**  
I wonder if his old man ever told him that one of the first principles of unionism is to demand extra pay for working overtime.

We doubt it. The strikers' experience with the elder Spooner shows that in his different field he son is a chip off the old block. Spooner the elder came to the strikers' hall with Vice-President Miller of the cotton mill and advised them to accept Miller's "compromise" proposal of one cent per hour increase without union recognition!

So it goes. Father sells them out (if he can) and sonny runs them about.

### Lithuanian Society Collects \$25 For Spanish Workers

By a Worker Correspondent

OAKLAND—At a picnic of the Lithuanian Literary Society held Aug. 30 at W. Gegete place on 105th Ave., a collection of \$25 was taken for the Spanish workers in their fight against scabism.

This is a fine example of working class solidarity, especially since there are probably not more than 100 Lithuanian workers in the bay area. — A. A.

**Confident of Victory**  
Despite police brutality, attacks by armed guards and strike-breakers and numerous similar intimidations the strike ranks have remained firm. Financial and moral assistance has been extended by about 40 other unions and public sentiment in the community is largely in favor of the strikers' cause. With a continuance of the militant solidarity, strike leaders are confident their demands will finally be achieved.

## COPS HARASS BUT CAN NOT STOP PICKETS

### Worker Arrested For Incident Fifty Blocks Away

By a Worker Correspondent.

OAKLAND—An example of the means being tried to break the solidarity of the California Cotton Mill workers' strike is the case of Henry Colker, one of the strikers.

Colker was arrested on a charge of battery when a scab tried to hit him in front of other pickets. In self defense he struck back. He was tried before a jury, which was unable to agree. His second trial is scheduled for Sept. 12.

#### Fifty Blocks Away

Another example of similar tactics is the case of Alice Santos, as told by one of the pickets.

Alice Santos doing relief work in the Textile Workers' Union, was arrested for something that happened 50 blocks away from the strikers' kitchen. She was charged with breaking six windows.

"They tried to get Alice before, but the frame-up did not work. Prior to the arrest, a well known officer of the law in civilian clothes waited to arrest her or to intimidate her near her home.

#### Scabs Threw Rocks

"Still another case is that of Carnera, who was arrested on the picket line and charged with throwing rocks, when the fact is that scabs threw rocks into the crowd and police saw him run."

A textile worker now on strike at the California Cotton Mill in Oakland tells the following story as an example of the discrimination used to prevent workers from getting better conditions:

"Isaac Campos was arrested in front of the cotton mill at 5 a. m. because they did not like him. This striker happens to live across the street from the mill on Kennedy Street. In the course of attending to his family affairs he often passes back and forth on Kennedy. That street is not for public use any more, it seems, as no one is permitted to walk there. Girls coming out of the laundry have been stopped and questioned because they passed the street."

**"Dangerous" Character**  
"Well, Campos was dangerous because he sees things going on, and therefore they tried to intimidate him. On four other occasions he was stopped by police and searched. Finally early in the morning the police picked him up and after searching him again took him into the offices of the mill and there a flash light into his face and questioned him. Then another officer came running in with a warrant of arrest and only then was he taken to the police station and charged with malicious mischief."

"His case comes up September 22."

**Cabral Faces Charge**  
Joe Cabral, president of the United Textile Workers, Local 2487, whose members are now on strike at the California Cotton Mills plant in Oakland, is facing a charge of battery for an incident that happened some 50 blocks away from the picket line.

Strikers say that because Joe is a militant union official the company is out to get him. They tried to intimidate his wife and harassed him in other ways. Finally he was arrested for something that occurred far away from the strike scene. His case comes up in court Sept. 29.

### Sewing Project For San Fernando

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FERNANDO—The WPA of Los Angeles is planning to install a sewing project here. You can tell what kind of a project it is, and what it isn't going to do for the working people here, by the statement of Robert J. Fleming, supervisor of the division of women's and professional projects, outlining the opening cost at \$250 with a monthly cost thereafter of about \$85.

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**KENOSHA ALSO**  
KENOSHA, Wis.—Almost unanimously the Kenosha Trades & Labor Council protested the suspension of the C.I.O.

## FOR THE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE



LABOR'S RIGHTS to organize, strike and picket—so often infringed and trampled upon by reactionaries in East Bay labor struggles—are staunchly defended by these Communist candidates for State Assembly in Oakland: Leon Vannier, 17th District, left, and Richard Ludlow, 18th District. For an unyielding fight for the rights of organized labor, send Vannier and Ludlow to Sacramento!

## VOICES OF LABOR

SCORES "CHRONICLE" Salinas

Dear Editor:

I sent an article to the San Francisco Chronicle's "Safety Valve Department," about one of Chester Rowell's characteristic effusions over the Spanish situation, with a challenge to print it and with postage for its return if refused.

As expected, it was refused but not returned. I have sent four different requests for its return, the last going out on this mail thinking that if there was a shred of shame or decency left in the Chronicle management, I might stir it to the extent that they would follow the rules of their own game and return what belongs to me, not the Chronicle.

No one but a scoundrel would hope (as Rowell) for the murderous Fascist regime to be fastened on the Spanish people. He shook his rattles this time loud enough, one would think, that even a "liberal" might hear jeers.

### The Mask of Rowell

Grants Pass, Ore.

Dear Editor:

I have noticed lately that Chester Rowell is again under fire for his reactionary editorials in the S.F. Chronicle. To my mind he is a reactionary of the worst sort, and I wrote to him about three years ago protesting the tone of his column, which was a clear incitement to vigilante action and which I clearly saw later was propaganda against the unions, which were just beginning to wake up, and against the longshoremen and General Strike which happened about six months later.

Rowell answered my letter in which he tried to justify himself by the time-worn story that being the workers, if they were in power, would deny free speech to the exploiters, free speech should be denied them now. Of course he used the word Communist instead of worker, but the meaning is the same.

He bragged of belonging to the American Civil Liberties Union although he did not agree with a lot of the radicals that he said belonged. I sent the letter in to the A.C.L.U. and I never heard if he had been asked to resign from a liberal organization, which he clearly did not believe in and which he joined no doubt for a mask to cover his reactionary hide.

Comradely yours, M.

**OPPOSITION TO GREEN**  
RIDGEWAY, Pa.—Elk Co. Central Labor Union condemned the suspension of the C.I.O. unions.

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## Union Organizer In Appreciation of "Western" Aid

OAKLAND—I understand that your paper intends to issue a special page of Worker Correspondence on the California Cotton Mill strike.

We have been on strike for over three months. We are meeting stubborn resistance from the mill owners who are being supported by Industrial Association.

As the workers on strike are all organized (when they struck 98 per cent were in the Union), we feel confident that with the support of organized labor in the Bay area we will win—we must win. A victory to us will mean elimination of the largest sweatshop in the Bay area.

Every means of publicity, all facilities of expressing our side of the story have been closed to us by local press, "The Tribune," and "Post-Enquirer" as well as their radio facilities. The statements of the mill owners are readily published but publicity to our side is nil.

Therefore permit me to express appreciation to your paper on the special publicity as well as the generous publicity that has been given in the past.

SONIA BALTRUN,  
Int. Organizer for the United Textile Workers of America.

## L.A. Bakers In New Strike

LOS ANGELES.—Thirty-four pie bakers walked out at Bradley's Pie Shop, 3863 Adair St., after Bradley refused to meet their demands yesterday. The workers immediately started picketing the shop.

The bakers are demanding an increase of 15 per cent in wages, 44 hour week and union recognition.

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## FIFTY UNIONS AID STRIKERS DESPITE COPS

### 600 Hold Solidarity Action At Calif. Cotton Mill

By a Worker Correspondent

OAKLAND—Six hundred men and women, representing 50 different unions, showed their solidarity by joining in a demonstration Friday afternoon at the California Cotton Mills in Oakland, where workers have been on strike more than three months.

One hundred police drove back the demonstrators, and as the peaceful crowd retreated, a police club cracked on the back of one of the women picketers.

**Police Escort Scabs**  
Scabs were escorted through the lines of demonstrators by police, but they saw plenty of evidence that union labor is united behind the courageous strikers. Police arrested one of the pickets and rushed him to the police station.

Numerous protests have been made to Chief of Police Bodie A. Wallman and to members of the Oakland city council against the ruthless efforts of police to help the callous officials of the Cotton Mills and the Industrial Association by harassing the strikers.

As a result of action by the Alameda County Central Labor Council, the city administration has promised "to investigate" but the show of force by police at Friday's demonstration is proof that the cruel methods are not being curbed.

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And I'm not after scoring at all.  
My task is to run interference;  
Mr. Landon will carry the ball.

#### VI

#### MATTHEW WOLL

"The lips which kiss the Blarney Stone  
Gain eloquence and wit;  
But what strange object must one kiss  
To make one's language fit  
The tangled wilderness of lies  
Which fascist spokesmen preach,  
That translate dung heaps into sound  
And garbage into speech?  
Please tell us, Mr. Matthew Woll,  
What prompted you to drench  
The public with the bile of your  
Red-baiting verbal stench?"

"To gain the hired liar's skill  
In which my pen is versed,  
One need but kiss the fascist foot  
Of William Randolph Hearst."

#### VII

#### WILLIAM GREEN

"You are tired, father William,  
Your hair is askew;  
You are marked by the fiercest of fights.  
Were you battling employers  
And union destroyers,  
Defending the working man's rights?"

"With employers and firms  
I'm on excellent terms,  
And of them I have nought to complain;  
But with workers and Reds  
And their militant heads,  
I've been fighting again and again."

## Women on the March

By MRS. E. O. MOSES

RAIN on the roof. Puddles in the street. Holes in the shoes, and sniffles. . . Well, and what then? . . . A trip to Herman Street P. T. A. Headquarters, to make the nice brand new feet of our kids fit into the old shoes of someone else.

What do you suppose there is in those old shoes besides what they call leather. . . A few germs maybe to give your kid sore feet instead of wet ones. . . An appeal is going forth right now for more old shoes for new feet. . . What patient feet our children have.

Of course if the children can wait until December, when the big newspaper shoe party comes off, and some kid gets one pair of shoes, when he'll need six or more pair, he'll get new ones then. . . Boy oh boy, how the sob sisters lap it up, the big newspaper helping out. . . And does the newspaper build itself, and sell a few copies, I ask you. . .

Remember this, there are a lot of well meaning women working in what they call the Philanthropy Department of the Parent Teacher Association. . . If they were led by militant working class women, they would take other, better ways to provide shoes for children.

It's up to us, class-conscious women to join our P. T. A. . . We can get pretty much what we want if we do. Just the same old story. . . Elect militant leadership, and bring pressure to bear for programs that really educate the mass of unthinking people, who gum the works through sheer ignorance. . . Bear in mind that there is a heap of good human material lying dormant, just waiting to be told.

How about a good trade union woman giving a talk one day. . . or a peace talk, by George Wolff perhaps if we could get him. . . It is our P. T. A. if we make it so.

The teachers could do with a lot of good militant support, too. Do you think they like to take a teacher's oath. . . They certainly do not. Do they like being singled out as a class of suspects. . . P. T. A.'s built of class conscious women would kill any such thing as a teacher's oaths, when it was a burning.

Some time last year, I witnessed the showing of a film in a public school which depicted a model day for a school child. . . This so called average American child, enjoyed a lovely room quite to herself, with what appeared to be her private bath. I saw luxurious Turkish towels, soft fleecy blankets, windows opening on a long vista of beautiful gardens. . . Comfort plus, everywhere you looked.

She ate from china and drank from glass, that most of us only see through store windows. . . She ate three meals of such excellent food as most of us could never have under our present capitalist system, and so to bed after a good hot bath.

Now if the Board of Education wants all children to have such a day, perhaps they could issue a text book for parents that would show us how to get all this with nothing.

Let's not wait for the Board of Education, though, they might get confused and lead us off. Let's take our own way, the militant way. . .

Join your P. T. A. now, just as school has started. . . Agitate for hot school lunches, milk and butter meals, the best milk and the best butter. . . No substitutes of any kind. . . Hot meat and good fresh vegetables. May be after we get that, the children had better have the model breakfast served at school, too. . . The one that was shown in the picture. . . It might well follow that model homes could be provided, too, so that the model day as set forth by our Board of Education, could pass smoothly by.

## THE NEED TO FIGHT FASCIST MENACE GROWS SHARPER



TRADE UNION MEMBERS in New York in a demonstration against fascism. A Labor Party has been formed by New York unions, which will become an important part of the American People's Front Against Fascism.

## They Asked For It

(A Short Story)

By D.

THE Eagle Oil Works sprawled over so much earth along the Bay that the Company had to divide it into districts. Somewhere in that wide expanse rats were at work who were slowly gnawing away the careful structure that Joe Gorny and a few others had built up. Stool-pigeons were gumming up the works for the department committees in the Crude Stills and in the Grease Plant. There could be no further doubt of it.

Locker inspection wasn't due for another six weeks, yet it came on the day when a leaflet distribution was made in the lockers of the grease men. And the Crude Stills Executive Committee could not meet because its members found Puckermouth Sweeney and another company dick parked in front of Joe Gorny's house.

The Executive Committees of both departments, in a cold sweat, held a joint meeting about the problem. They looked themselves in at the farm owned by Joe's cousin three miles out of Oilport. Each man had come alone, so as not to attract undue attention. They wouldn't even let Joe's cousin's wife leave the farmhouse, and she grumbled plenty.

For three solid hours scheme after scheme was proposed and discarded. They had looked to Joe for a sure solution, for Joe was their leader, whose cool guidance had slowly built up committees in the Crude Stills, the Grease Plant, among the agitator men, in the Coopersage and Pipe Departments, and among the tank cleaners. Joe was in a blue funk. It felt rotten to let the men down without a plan that would give them at least a fighting chance against the thing that menaced them.

No one had spoken a word for half an hour. Then one of the men switched on the radio, figuring if they got away from the problem for a while, an idea might come to them later.

Outside, in the living room, Joe's cousin's wife could be heard muttering about the lateness of the hour, and the voice of Joe's cousin quivering her down.

Suddenly Joe snapped off the radio. "I got it," he said.

The men paid attention. "We tell each member of both department committees," Joe said, "that there's goin' to be an important meeting tomorrow night, see? We give each one a different address. The places where the dicks show up, well, that tells us who the rats are. Get it?"

"It listens good," said Pete Molochko. "But where do we get enough guys to watch all the addresses?"

"Easy. We need thirty fellas. We got twelve right here, and we got at least eighteen more we kin trust in the other departments."

They drew up a list of all the members of the Grease and Crude Stills Department Committees. Opposite each name an address was placed.

Joe Gorny's "process of elimination" thrilled the men on the two executive committees. Real detective work.

The next morning the addresses were passed out in the two departments, and eighteen reliable men picked out to watch that evening.

Dicks showed up at four of the places: 1853 Bay Head—this was the address given to Shad Patton; 1022 Sycamore—Mike Schube; 3303 North Ninth—Gus Flagen. These were two men who always talked about mysterious bombings they had participated in Germany. And finally, 1904 Schooler Street, where three dicks gathered and nodded to Frank Rozco, who nosed around, rang the bell, and walked away in disgust. The rats had been smoked out.

The men in the two departments felt a bit sore about their wild-goose chase of the night before. Joe promised them, "You'll find out why we did it."

The whole Shop Committee met that night. The Shop Committee was composed of a man from each department—a delegate body whose members were elected each six months by the members of the department committee. Its members were all tried men, who had lost their

impetuosity in the steady grind of building up their committees. Joe Gorny told them the purpose behind the strategem of the night before, and told them who the stool pigeons were. The men swore, and their knuckles itched.

Joe said: "You know, we could beat the livin' lights outa these rats. That's one way, and they got it comin' too. I'm all for it, teachin' them a lesson. But it ain't enough. We got to make them rats so sick of themselves, they'll feel like bumpin' themselves off. Now, here's an idea for you."

"Some of you guys been complainin', we don't get the women interested in our work. Some say their old women is raisin' hell because they spend so much time away from home, at meetings."

"Well, our women is O.K. Only they don't understand like we do why we got to do what we're doin'."

"Well, we'll let the women take care of them rats. And here's how. The rats have wives, too. Our wives will make it so tough for their wives, they'll come beggin' for mercy. In the market place, on the street, they'll give 'em damn little peace."

A grease man had another good plan. "What about the kids in school? We'll have our kids torment the hell outa the rats' kids." The two plans were adopted.

The wives of the oil workers might raise hell about their men staying out late at meetings, but when it came to a question of driving out stool-pigeons, that was a different matter. They entered into the plan with enthusiasm. Rats took bread out of their mouths. And the children were all eager for a grand lark.

The wife of Shad Patton walked through the market place, with a full shopping bag in her arms. Two women followed her. They seized the market bag and spilled its contents. "Rats don't deserve to eat," they said. "Tell that to your rat husband." Shad Patton's wife began to scream, but a smack closed her mouth. The same thing happened to the wives of the other stool-pigeons.

When Shad Patton's wife, or Mike Schube's, or Flagen's, or Rozco's woman went into the grocery store, they could no longer buy anything. The grocers had been told they would be boycotted, and more than likely, their places wrecked, if they dealt with the stool-pigeons' wives. The only way the latter could get food was to go to one of the other towns for it.

In school the children of the scabs had their arms twisted, their noses rubbed in mud, their books stolen and torn, and their necks stung with pea-shooters. They could find no one to play with them.

Shad Patton's wife cried bitterly at home. She gave Shad no rest; he couldn't sit down to read a paper in peace; he couldn't eat in peace, and finally, he couldn't sleep in peace.

Shad came to Joe Gorny and blustered and fumed. But the oil workers were adamant, and the lives of the stool-pigeons and their women and children grew more miserable each day.

Shad went to the Superintendent with his troubles. He asked the Superintendent to fire Gorny and the rest.

"I assure you, Shad, I'm more anxious than you are to fire those trouble-makers. But I'd have a strike on my hands in no time, and we can't afford a strike right now."

One fine day, the oil workers and their wives and children stood by and jeered while Shad Patton, Gus Flagen, Mike Schube and Frank Rozco moved their baggage and their breed. The rats were scurrying out of Oilport.

### N. Y. PAINTERS WIN

NEW YORK—Complete victory was announced by Secretary Louis Winstock of District Council No. 9, Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers, as 12,000 strikers returned to work with contracts designed to end the city's widespread "kickback" system and provide wages for \$9 for the 7-hour day.

## RIP TIDES . . . By LeMae

HELLO, skipper, what's on your mind today?" the inquirer was the paunchy well dressed port superintendent. Luxuriously he rolled a big fat cigar in his mouth as he gazed at the tall rugged figure behind him.

"Annual inspection for the old vessel tomorrow," came the worried reply. "The ship is beginning to tell her years."

"What's the matter, her engines?" the superintendent frowned as he visualized the terrific cost it would entail.

"No, the old turbine still kicks over alright, it's her boilers, getting pretty thin," and as afterthought, "We lost quite a few rivets on the last passage."

"Oh, she'll hold together alright, captain," the frown was replaced by a reassuring smile, almost of relief. "You're not afraid to take her out, are you?"

"Well, no, but the crew . . ." The port superintendent cut him short impatiently. "Fire the crew, there are plenty of men on the beach."

"Yes, but how about the inspection," the skipper persisted. "You know they have been tightening up since those three vessels foundered."

"Just go aboard and go ahead with the damn inspection, leave me do the worrying." With this admonishment the superintendent waved the skipper in dismissal.

Soberly the master mariner left the huge office with a distraught mind, as he thought of the old vessel loaded well down below the Plimsoll mark—with nitrate—and September in the Gulf . . . hurricanes. He aroused himself from his troubled thoughts as he suddenly recalled the inspection. Back to his ship he hurried.

"Miss Tarlin, get me the steamboat inspector on the phone," the port superintendent called to his secretary.

"Hello, Jim? . . . this is Frank . . . yes, of the Green Funnel outfit. How are you- . . . Say, Jim, the S— is due for inspection, will you take it easy with her . . . you know, the skipper is kind of worried about her bottom . . . you better go easy on the pressure in her boilers when you try her out, too . . . Okay, you'll take care of it . . . swell. There's a box of cigars on their way over, Jim . . . I'll see you at the club tonight . . . thanks . . . good bye."

"Miss Tarlin, I am leaving now, if Captain Thomas comes in for his papers, tell him I said to make sure he gets a clean bill from the inspectors, before he sails."

"Well, that's one more inspection behind us, eh, Mr. mate," it was more a sigh of relief, the skipper uttered as he waved a farewell to the little pilot boat. "She won't stand many more, 193 . . ."

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## People's Health

By Franklin E. Bissell, M. D.

### DIABETES

Santa Barbara, Calif., August 13, 1936.

Dear Dr. Bissell:

MY NEIGHBOR friend and subscriber to W. W. is developing what I think is a fear complex—brought on by several operations for firstly, asthma and later diabetes. She's too fat, but not from inactivity (in face she is desperately active), and a year ago she was threatened with blindness.

She was advised to cut out bread stuffs and sugar—with great benefit. Now she is becoming highly nervous again and the blindness she feared is returning. She has been advised to try insulin as a last resort. I advised citrus and other fruit juices but she fears the sugar in them. Isn't that better than insulin? How about spinach, tomatoes, beets and carrots? There must be some bulky foods, must there not?

M.R.R., Subscriber.

ANSWER—If your friend has sugar in her urine, the oncoming blindness is probably either due to a diabetic cataract, which is a haziness of the lens of the eye, or a diabetic retinitis, a disease of the eye-ground.

The pancreas is a gland situated near the stomach. This gland, among other functions, supplies the substance, insulin, to the blood-stream. The insulin helps to turn the sugar which we eat into fat and assists the body in burning the sugar to get the energy that it needs. When the pancreas, from some unknown reason ceases to produce enough insulin, the sugar remains unburned in the blood and causes a great deal of trouble. This condition is called Diabetes. The most frequent sign of it is sugar in the urine, which is free from this substance under normal conditions.

If diabetes is not properly treated, it is bound to get worse. It can be treated either by regulating the amount of sugar consumed or by the injection of artificial insulin, or by both. The test as to whether the disease is being treated properly or not is whether or not sugar appears in the urine.

In any case it is impossible for a person to treat himself unless he is under medical supervision. The first step in the treatment is to establish the right diet for the patient. If sugar appears in his urine in spite of reducing the diet to the smallest amounts possible, then the patient must take insulin as well. This method of establishing the treatment requires that the patient stay in bed for a while.

If your friend cannot afford to have this rather extensive work done by a private doctor, see that the county hospital does it for her. There are many methods of establishing the right diet, and the right amount of insulin, but the above method is the one most generally used. If the doctors at the county hospital or clinic cannot free her urine of sugar within a week, the demand should be made that she be taken into the hospital until the urine is sugar-free. It may be necessary to take a committee to the authorities in order to back up the demand. Show them this article, if necessary.

When the diet is established, it must be strictly followed. Certain fruits and vegetables in limited quantity may be included. The fruits and vegetables that you mentioned have large quantities of sugar and should not be taken except as specified by a doctor.

## SONG OF THE CONCRETE-MIXERS (In praise of the new Soviet Constitution)

By CARLITOS

All has been prepared for us;  
The wreckers cleared away  
The ruins of the ancient structure—  
And they worked without dismay.  
Then came the excavators  
And they tore into the earth,  
For they knew there must be travail  
Before there can be birth.

The walls of the old foundation,  
That had cracked and crumbled and sagged,  
Were scooped with the muck and the boulders  
And the roots that were rotted and snagged;  
And the job progressed to the straining  
Of an army of men and machines,  
While day and night the sun and the stars  
Gazed down upon the scene.

And now with the forms all fashioned,  
With the bracings set so strong,  
You bring us into action  
And we raise our raucous song.  
Keep the wheelbarrows moving—  
Cement and gravel and sand;  
Keep the water rushing—  
And we'll ease the toil of your hands.

Though you ache from the stress of your muscles,  
That are streaked with dust and sweat,  
Yet keep the shovels scraping—  
And your stern demands shall be met;  
For our drums roll round with a grinding sound  
And our engines tremble and roar  
And the heavy streams of olive-green  
Down the flumed inclines pour.

Sweet is the thrill of creation  
And bright is the beckoning goal,  
For labor embraces the nation  
And each is of worth to the whole;  
So keep the wheelbarrows moving  
And the crimson flag unfurled—  
And we'll finish the broad foundation  
Of a brand-new world.



# Building Trades, Railroad Union Officials Hit CIO Ban

## San Francisco Hod Carriers, Ry. Clerk Leaders For Unity

Murphy For Militant Leadership In Unions; Carrasco Favors Industrial Unionism

By E. ANDERSON

SAN FRANCISCO—Local labor leaders for industrial organization did not hesitate to express themselves about it.

T. M. Bynon, secretary of Local 59 Operating Engineers, which is a Building Trades union, stated:

"I can't see any difference between industrial unionism and the way the Building Trades Council functions.

"One guy can tie up the whole job by going out with the secretaries of the other Building Trades unions. How could it be more of an industrial union?"

Several members of this union pointed out the fact that industrial unionism would be cheaper than craft unionism.

Hod Carriers' Official

Another member of the Building Trades, J. A. Murphy, business representative of Local 36 Hod Carriers, declared without qualification in favor of industrial unionism.

"The difference between industrial unionism and craft unionism is the difference between an electric and a kerosene light. Going against the companies from a craft union is like attacking a warship in a canoe," Murphy asserted.

Murphy believes that changes should be made in the nature of the leadership of organized labor.

"Power should be kept in the general membership. Make officials messenger boys instead of letting them make messenger boys of the membership.

"Every day new weapons are being forged in order to insure victory. Industrial unionism is one of the weapons which mankind will use eventually to improve conditions.

"Stronger unions are growing all the time. The Building Trades Council is showing closer cooperation with all crafts, including the smaller unions, than it has even before. This has been brought about by the awakening to the need for stronger organization. All over the country the same thing is taking place.

"At the present time the Building Trades Council is functioning as an industrial union."

H. C. Carrasco, chairman of Lodge 890 of the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers, Express and Station Employees, revealed that after the 10 C.I.O. unions were suspended his lodge wired to William Green its "concern over the situation and stated the hope that he could conciliate the matter."

"In a small way," said Carrasco, "ours is an industrial union. Elevator boys and janitors are included in this union of white collar workers.

"My own leaning is toward industrial unionism. At our national conventions I have repeatedly introduced resolutions for the formation of an industrial union out of the 21 unions of railway employees. I suggested at last year's convention that these 21 unions amalgamate. However the committee report was unfavorable. The recommendation was that we work toward industrial unionism gradually."

The proposed contract was discussed point by point. Further meetings are being planned at which not only the proposals but also the exact wording of them, will be discussed. More meetings with the Call-Bulletin and Post-Enquirer managements will be held soon.

## Electricians In Contra Costa Gain

RICHMOND.—Electrical Workers' Local 302, Contra Costa County, made definite gains in the new agreement that went into effect Sept. 1.

On all public work the scale is now \$1.25 an hour with an 8-hour day and a 40-hour week. Private work now pays \$1.12 1/2 an hour.

Starting January 1, 1937, private work will be at the scale of \$1.25 an hour.

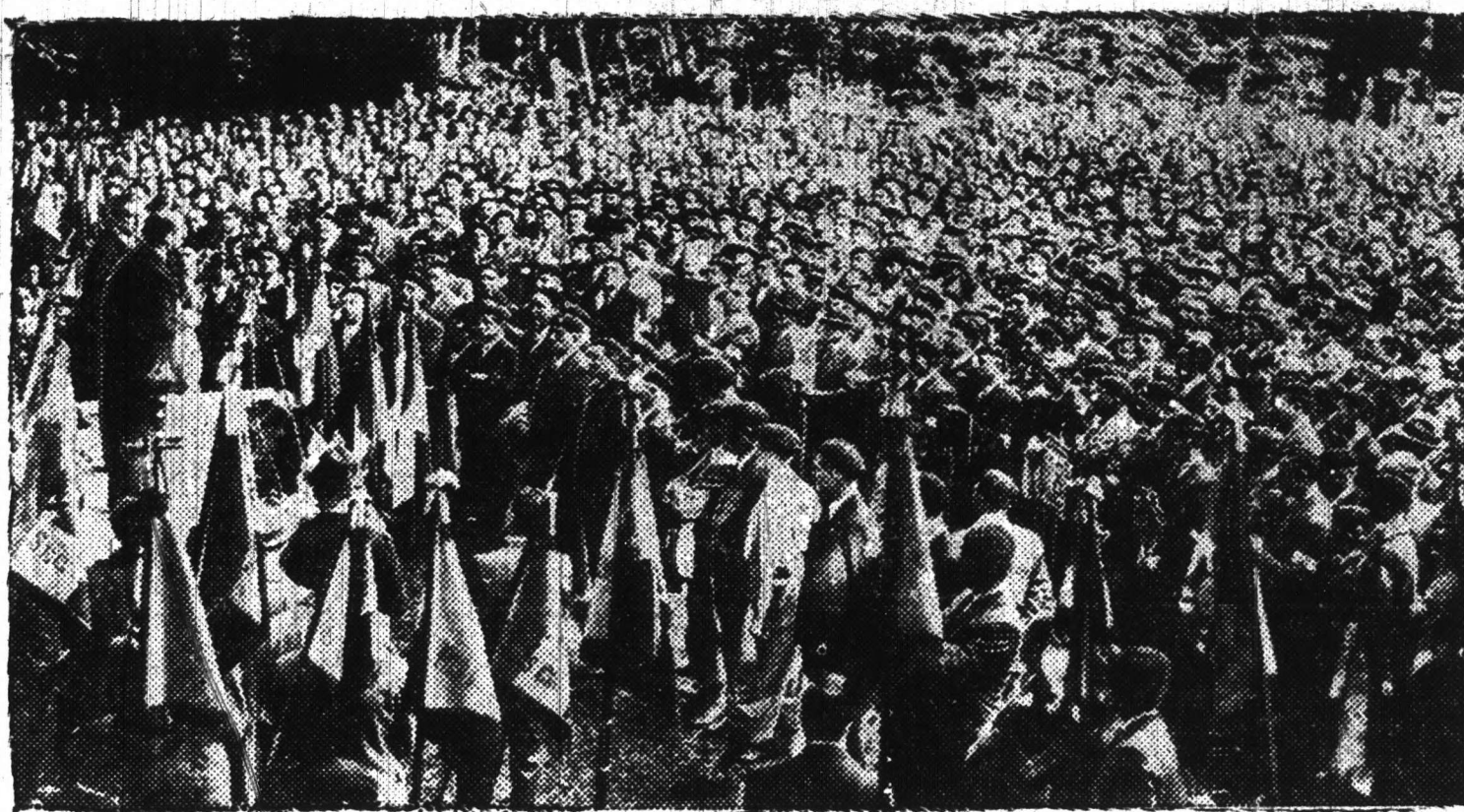
The Tri-County Executive Board will meet on October 2.

## Painters Put Screws On Chiseling Contractors

RICHMOND.—Because of chiseling by contractors on the agreement. Painters Local 741 asked business agent Russ Roberts to approach all painting contractors and remind them of the closed shop agreement that went into effect June 1, 1936. Chiseling has been worst in Lodeo and Crockett.

id the circulation of the West- ern Worker.

IT CAN HAPPEN HERE—AND UNIONS WOULD BE SUPPRESSED IF THE FASCISTS EVER GAINED POWER



THE PHOTO AT the left shows trade union members in Paris demonstrating against Fascism, whose leaders announced that if they got power in France, the first thing they'd do would be to suppress all trade unions.

It can happen here too, and American trade unionists will realize it if they just think back concerning the attacks, of a Fascist nature, against the unions in the United States, in recent few years.

Brutal attack on a peaceful picket line is shown in photo at right. Increasing Fascist actions here prove vital necessity for organized labor to become main base in an American Peoples Front against the Fascist menace, which is typified by the Hearst-Landon-Liberty League-Wall Street combination.

A Farmer-Labor Party is the American equivalent of the Peoples Front.



## Unions Continue to Hit CIO Suspension

EVERETT, Wash.—A referendum vote of the A. F. of L. membership on the issue of industrial organization is urged by the Everett Central Labor Council, which also asked in a wire to President William Green that no action be taken against the C. I. O. unions until such a vote is taken.

YOUNGSTOWN

YOUNGSTOWN, O.—Trumbull County Central Labor Union has gone on record to back up the C. I. O. and protest its suspension from the A. F. of L.

LANSING FEDERATION

LANSING, Mich.—The Lansing Federation of Labor has adopted a resolution protesting suspension of the C. I. O. unions and urging the A. F. of L. Executive Committee to reconsider its action.

PASSAIC COUNTY

PATERSON, N. J.—Charging "undemocratic and unparliamentary procedure," 28 delegates representing some 35,000 union members walked out of the Passaic County Central Trades & Labor Council, when an effort was made to suppress debate and to rescind previous action favorable to the C.I.O.

DANBURY

DANBURY, Conn.—Protesting against the suspension of the C. I. O. unions and demanding that the A. F. of L. Executive Council immediately reconsider and rescind its action, the Danbury Central Labor Union declares that the council by its action "is simply helping the employers."

BUILDING LABORERS

BISMARCK, N. D.—Endorsing the activities of the Committee for Industrial Organization Local 443 of the International Hod Carriers, Building & Common Laborers Union has gone on record to protest to the A. F. of L. Executive Council against

suspension of the C. I. O. unions.

STRUCTURAL IRON WORKERS

BEAUMONT, Tex.—Local 125, Intl. Assn. of Bridge, Structural & Ornamental Iron Workers voted unanimously to protest the action of the A. F. of L. Executive Council in suspending the C. I. O. unions.

McKEESPORT

McKEESPORT, Pa.—The McKeesport Central Labor Union unanimously adopted a resolution asking the A. F. of L. Executive Council to withdraw its suspension order against the C. I. O. unions and to leave the matter to the next convention.

## Judge Aids Anti-Picket Law

LONG BEACH.—Upholding by Superior Judge Gates of the constitutionality of the Long Beach anti-picketing law has only made organized labor more determined in its fight for its rights.

Gates rendered his decision in denying a writ of habeas corpus to Vernon Bullard, arrested in picketing the Richmond Cafe, which was struck.

Gates called on the California Supreme Court to work out rules for enforcement of all anti-picketing laws throughout the state.

## Judge Hits Strike Sabotage

OAKLAND.—The constitution of the International Machinists' Association, interpretation of which has played an important part in the Eastbay machinists' strike, is an ambiguous and contradictory document "which says here that you can do a thing and then says there you cannot do it."

The authority for this is Superior Judge Sylvain Lazarus of San Francisco, and he delivered this opinion recently while granting the strikers an injunction preventing the international officials of their union from interfering with their efforts to better themselves.

Judge Lazarus minced no words in denouncing the activities of certain union leaders in sabotaging the strike, making particular reference to Walter Nash, machinists' official who has the backing of the international organization but has been repudiated by the men.

At the conclusion of Judge Lazarus' announcement of his decision, strikers in the courtroom applauded.

"Some of you are doubtless unfamiliar with law courts," observed the judge. "I must inform you that demonstrations of any character are not tolerated and I am supposed to reprimand you for this outburst. Nevertheless, gentlemen, permit me to thank you for your applause."

STRIKE VICTORY  
NEW YORK—A strike of 1,000 members of the Suitcase, Bag and Portfolio Makers' Union in New York ended with the employers granting wage raises, overtime pay and the 40-hour week.

## LABOR NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE NOT TO BE TAIL ON REP., DEM. KITES

HARRISBURG, Pa.—Although pleading to help re-elect President Roosevelt, 120 Labor Non-Partisan League delegates who met here to form a permanent organization let it be known that their organization is not "to become a tail on the political kite"—of either the Republican or Democratic Parties.

## Oil Union Signs Kettlemen Outfit

BAKERSFIELD.—Substantial wage increases are gained in the one-year agreement signed by the Oil Workers Union with the Kettlemen North Dome Association.

The Kern River and the Avenal Oil Workers locals brought the agreement into being. Under the agreement lower classifications are brought up by as much as \$1.25 a day.

A week's vacation with pay after one year, and two weeks vacation after two years are also provided.

## SUIT AGAINST LA CLOTHING UNION DANGER SIGN

LOS ANGELES.—Claiming business was injured by picketing strikers, Rosenblums Inc. today filed suit in Superior Court for \$10,000 damages and an injunction against local 782 of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America. The complaint also named 20 "Jane Does."

A strike was declared at Rosenblums shop, 746 S. Los Angeles St., ten days ago by local 782 after two union members were mistreated by the boss, discharged and forcibly ejected from the shop because they carried union cards.

## Meat Cutters Grow In L.A. Add 4 More Organizers

LOS ANGELES.—Growth in organization of the retail meat business has made it necessary to put out four additional field organizers.

It was clear from speeches by Pres. Emil Rieve of the Hosiery Workers Union and President Pat Fagan of District 5, U.M.W. A., that the League could very easily become part of a Labor Party movement, as it has in New York.

## Labor Party Hits Landon-Hearst

NEW YORK.—The American Labor Party, recently formed by the New York Labor Non-Partisan League, blasted Alfred M. Landon for his ties with Fascist Hearst. Its statement said:

"Hearst's uncompromising hostility to the interests of labor and his special role in the reactionary attack on fundamental human rights makes this issue of particular importance to the American Labor Party. The election of Landon would put Hearst in the White House."

## Start Drive In E. Ore. Lumber

EUGENE, Ore.—An intensified campaign has been started to organize the lumber industry in the lower Willamette valley. The Willamette Valley and Eastern Oregon have not yet been touched by organization.

Some 6000 workers are expected to be brought into the A. F. of L. A good percentage of the lumber shipped through Portland comes from this territory.

The State of Washington, the Columbia River area, and the Coquille Basin of Oregon are already well organized, as far as lumber workers are concerned.

## Bakersfield Unions Report Gains

BAKERSFIELD.—Laundry Drivers Union here recently submitted a new agreement to three local laundries.

## Cotton Strikers Denied Radio

OAKLAND.—Strikers at the California Cotton Mills are barred from telling the true story of the textile workers strike over the radio.

A committee from the United Textile Workers Union called at station KLX, operated by the Oakland Tribune.

Special Rule For Strikers  
The committee charges that the secretary of KLX replied that it is against the rules of the station to sell time to strikers.

Many of the strikers have lived all their lives in Oakland, and have been supporting the home-town paper, the Tribune, but when they go on a just strike against brutal conditions, the newspaper not only suppresses all news of the walkout but refuses to sell radio time to the mill workers.

The strikers succeeded in giving one broadcast over KROW but the committee then was told it charges: "We are sorry but we cannot let you speak again."

The KROW manager told the committee that after the broadcast Aug. 17 he got a telephone call from the Industrial Association protesting.

"There is no freedom of the air," he was quoted as telling the committee, "and because of that fact we as an independent station cannot go against the big fellows."

## RR Men Refuse To Switch In Strike

POTOSI, Mo.—For the third time, union trainmen of the Missouri Pacific Railroad have refused to switch cars into the plant of the National Pigment and the Superior Minerals Co., where a strike is in effect.

Two thousand tiff miners are on strike, the second in a year. These miners dig for a low-grade lead ore, used as a pigment for paint.

They have been earning a miserable wage—\$4.50 to \$6 a week. The railroaders' solidarity has encouraged them greatly.

SILICOSIS IN COAL MINES  
HARRISBURG, Pa.—Silicosis is invading the anthracite coal country of Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania commission of occupational diseases found 23 per cent of the anthracite miners to be sufferers from the malady.

## MACHINISTS 68 ATTACKS 'A FEW MEN WAXING FAT AT OUR EXPENSE'

Defends Right Of Assessment To Support Brothers On Strike In E. Bay Area

SAN FRANCISCO—"A handful of men waxing fat at your expense" is the way E. F. Dillon, in a letter to the members of Machinists Lodge 68 characterizes the international officials who have done so much to sabotage the East Bay strike of 1800 machinists (members of Local 284).

Here's his plain-spoken letter to the membership: "To All Members of Lodge No. 68, I. A. of M.

Greetings:—  
At the regular meeting of Lodge No. 68 on Wednesday evening, August 26th, a communication was received from International President Wharton, wherein he sets forth a ruling of the Executive Council of the Grand Lodge to the effect that the present Local Strike assessment which was levied for the support of the Striking Machinists of Oakland, is contrary to the Grand Lodge Constitution.

This ruling was handed down in response to an appeal of one of our own members, D. P. Haggerty by name, and each and every one of our members have since been notified through a communication signed by G. L. Representative Walter Nash and Vice-President G. F. Grow.

In this communication you are being appealed to, and requested to withdraw your support from the striking Machinists of Oakland who according to the ruling of the Courts are still legitimate members of the Machinists Union even though they are referred to as former members by Nash and Grow.

The Local Lodge Executive Board took this matter up in special meeting on the 28th and decided that a fitting answer should be given to this latest brazen demonstration of contempt for the welfare of the members. Your loyalty to the Machinists Union is being questioned by a handful of men who are waxing fat at your expense, and we agree that this is the time for all members to decide with whom they are going to cast their allegiance, either with Dan Haggerty, Walter Nash, Curly Grow and A. O. Wharton, or with the Machinists Union as exemplified by the 3000 members of Lodges Nos. 68 and 284.

This is a fine time when 1800 men are on strike in the 7th week of a courageous battle to establish wages and working conditions, for the International Officers to haggle and bicker about small technical violations of the constitution. It becomes these four mentioned gentlemen who have long been the recipients of favors of the membership to loudly demand that these men and their families must starve because they do not approve of the method they employed in calling the strike.

The officers of Lodge No. 68 feel secure in the knowledge that

this assessment was levied strictly in accordance with the procedure of the by-laws and in view of the fact that it was carried by a vote of nearly 100 to 1 in a meeting that filled the Auditorium of the Labor Temple to capacity we are going to continue, and redouble our efforts to collect this assessment until such time that our members say otherwise.

Nash and Grow inform you that the members of what they term former Lodge No. 284 are attempting to start another organization, the facts of the matter is that they are only maintaining an organization that has been in existence for more than forty years and is still today the bona fide Machinists Union in Oakland. It is Nash and Grow that are attempting to start a new Union (and with very poor success) for the purpose of breaking one of the most justifiable strikes that was ever called by any group of long abused workers.

The time is fast approaching that the membership must decide in who they desire to support. Are you going to permit the dismemberment of our sister Local n Oakland, Lodge No. 284 has appealed to the Milwaukee Convention for redress from the decision of the Executive Council. We call upon every self respecting member of Lodge No. 68 to support to the very limit these men in Oakland until the Convention has an opportunity to pass judgment on the entire matter.

The Executive Board calls for a Special Meeting on Wednesday evening, September 2nd, at which time this entire matter will be made a special order of business, every member will be required to abide by any action taken, so we urge that you attend.

E. F. DILLON, Recording Sec., San Francisco Lodge No. 68, I. A. of M."

## Anti-Picket Law Used Against Oil Strike, Berkeley

BERKELEY.—Open shoppers got into action here by having Police Chief Greening order strict enforcement of the anti-picketing ordinance.

The new attack was launched in connection with the strike of 120 employees of the El Dorado Oil Works. The plant is being picketed.

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